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CLUB'S £10k BILL OVER LOUD MUSIC

BY NATHAN BRIANT

A WORKING men's club which blasted out hits like Time Warp and Bat Out of Hell, infurating neighbours, has been told to pay out more than £10,000.

People trying to sleep near Chadsmoor Progressive Club in Burns Street were kept awake as songs were played as late as 11.50pm, Cannock Magistrates Court heard.

In one home the music drowned out the sound of a washing machine. The club's committee, which serves about 700 members, had already been told to stop making such noise in August 2015 by Cannock Chase Council.

The authority served the club an abatement notice but residents lodged three further complaints in November 2015, December 2015 and February this year. On December 5, 2015, two environmental health officers visited a house which had previously complained about the club's noise three weeks after another disruptive event on November 14.

The noisy club

On behalf of the council, Mr Tony Watkin told the court that as music belted out at about 10pm on December 5, an environmental health officer found it to be so loud it drowned out the noise from a washing machine that was being used in a kitchen at the same time.

And on February 20, residents said they were again annoyed by songs including the Rolling Stones' (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction and the Spencer Davis Group's Keep On Running, which were played at a loud volume at about 11.20pm. The club's secretary Reg Saunders was interviewed over the continuing problems in January but said complainants were being 'vindictive'. A new committee had taken over the club shortly before the complaints started and found it to be in a 'very poor' financial position, Mr Saunders said, and the events were held to boost its financial position.

While the club admitted it had breached an abatement notice three times, Mr Saunders maintained the complaints were not solely made over the noise but because of a frosty relationship that had developed between some of the complainants and the committee.

But District Judge Jack McGarva dismissed the claim that there had been a 'deliberate vendetta'. The club has since stopped all music shows but held an event for Halloween, and the committee plans to take out a loan to improve soundproofing. The club was fined £4,500 for breaching the notice and will have to pay £5,344 costs after pleading guilty on the day a trial was due to start, along with a £170 surcharge. It has 12 months to pay the total of £10,014.

MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE IN SUPPORT OF BROTHERS

Natalie Jones, aged 22 from Great Wyrley, with her brothers Lee, who suffers from colitis, and Chris, who has Crohn's disease

A BUDDING mountain climber is set to take on one of the biggest challenges in the world as a way of showing support for her brothers.

Natalie Jones, aged 22, from Great Wyrley, will take her first step into the world of charity work and fundraising in February as she and three work colleagues look to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

Natalie will be taking on the challenge to raise money for Crohn's and Colitis UK.

It is a cause close to her heart as she has grown up watching her brothers battle each condition respectively. She has seen her brother Lee, 31, battle with colitis since being diagnosed 10 years ago and her brother Chris, 26, live with Crohn's for around the same amount of time.

Natalie has already raised nearly £500 ahead of her trip and is looking for more sponsors.

She said: "This is the first major piece of charity work I have ever done, and it is quite a big one. However, it is something I am looking forward to.

"I will be travelling with friends and seeing one of the most beautiful places on Earth, all the while pushing myself for a good cause. Growing up with my brothers battling each of these conditions, I can see the effect it has had on them.

"They were always going to the doctors or having to keep on top of their medication.

"It didn't affect me directly but there are times when you want to help but feel like there is nothing you can do.

"It will be difficult but I am working hard every day to make sure I am in top condition."

To donate to Natalie's fundraising challenge, visit justgiving.com/natalie-jones43

POLICE

Two men arrested in Amazon blaze probe

TWO men have been arrested in connection with a fire at Amazon in Rugeley which saw more than 1,000 people evacuated.

A 19-year-old from Birmingham and a 21-year-old from Wednesbury are suspected of arson with intent to endanger life. Flames were seen at the fulfilment centre in Power Station Road at 2.10am on Sunday.

Staffordshire Police said the Birmingham man had been bailed until February while the Wednesbury suspect remained in custody. A spokeswoman for he force said: "An investigation is ongoing."

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RACE

Runners limber up for Rotary 10k

RUNNERS will pound the streets of Cannock Chase this weekend for the seventh annual 10k race for Cannock Rotary Club.

It starts and ends near the visitor centre at Marquis Drive at 11am on Sunday. All finishers will receive a medal.

Entry is £10 or £13 on the day, with all proceeds going to the Rotary Club to support its charities. To register, visit www.cambaevents.com or enter online at www.runnersworld.co.uk

ACCIDENT

Driver trapped in roundabout crash

A MAN was cut free from his car after a crash in Cannock which left three people from the Black Country injured in total and caused early morning chaos on the roads.

A red Vauxhall Zafira hit the roundabout which links the A460 Eastern Way and Hayes Way at 5.28am on Tuesday.

A 55-year-old man from Wednesfield was trapped for 50 minutes and taken to hospital with leg and arm injuries.

A 19-year-old Bilston man, who was a passenger, was taken to hospital with lower back pain, and a 30-year-old Willenhall man, who was a rear-seat passenger, was treated at the scene for shoulder pain.

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From the mines to a knighthood

Sir Patrick at the palace

HE once worked down the pits at Littleton Colliery but he has now become a knight of the realm.

Sir Patrick McLoughin stooped before the Queen at Buckingham Palace to receive the honour.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and chairman of the Conservative Party was nominated for a knighthood by David Cameron as the outgoing Prime Minister.

The 58-year-old was born in Stafford and educated at Cardinal Griffin Catholic School in Cannock before going on to study at South Staffordshire College in Rodbaston. In the 1970s he worked as a farmer before working in the coal industry from 1979, becoming a member of the National Union of Mineworkers.

His political career began in 1980 when he was elected to Cannock Chase Council, on which he served for seven years.

In 1981 he became a member of Staffordshire County Council.

The former miner then made his move for Parliament in the 1983 general election, contesting Wolverhampton South East, but ended up losing out to Labour's Robert Edwards. But three years later Mr McLoughlin won a by-election in the West Derbyshire constituency, taking over from retiring Tory Matthew Parris.

He held the seat for 24 years, under the leadership of Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major, before the constituency was abolished in 2010 following a boundary review.

However, he was elected to the replacement seat of Derbyshire Dales.

In 2012 he was appointed Transport Secretary, a position he helduntil this year before being succeeded by Chris Grayling.

Robbers snatch cash from delivery driver

TWO raiders armed with an angle grinder stole a cash box from a delivery driver outside a bank in broad daylight.

The men, who had their faces covered, struck as the driver was entering the Barclays branch at Sankeys Corner in Chase Terrace at 3.15pm on Thursday.

A cash box full of money was taken before the pair used the angle grinder to force the container open outside the branch.

They then drove off towards Cannock in a grey Audi RS5 which was waiting outside.

The crime scene

Police said the victim was not injured but he was left shaken. The suspects are believed to have worn dark clothing, and police believe there was a third suspect in the Audi RS5 outside the bank.

Detectives have urged any witnesses who may have 'dash cam' footage to come forward. Dc Mark Underwood said: "We are keen to hear from anyone who was in the Cannock Road area and captured it on their dash cam. Please contact us if you have any footage. They stole a cash box containing a quantity of money. It is believed that once outside the branch, the suspects used an angle grinder to force the cash container open. Our investigation into the incident continues, including detailed forensic work and checks of CCTV in the surrounding area."

David Holland, owner of Chariot Estates next to the bank, said: "We saw the safe box which had been left in the street – presumably after they took the money out – and the police came into our shop to examine it.

"It isn't the first time this branch has been targeted. I think being such a small branch and being placed on the corner it is quite vulnerable. We were glad to hear that no-one had been hurt."

Steve Mitchell, community banking director with Barclays for Staffordshire, said: "We are working with police and assisting with their inquiries." Anyone with information should call police on 101 quoting incident number 416 of November 10 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Pupils go global with virtual viewing

World of difference – Sue Webster from Google Expeditions with Lucy Aston, aged nine, at Moat Hall Primary School

PUPILS were given a glimpse of the future after being chosen to try out new virtual reality headsets.

Representatives from Google Expeditions took their new handheld virtual reality software to Moat Hall Primary School in Great Wyrley, where children were able to experience the Seven Wonders of The World from the comfort of their classroom.

The software has proved popular in the US, and Google is now looking to encourage schools in the UK to look at bringing the software into their every day routines.

Moat Hall was one of the first in the region to express an interest in the technology, which transports children to anywhere in the world, allowing them to move around sites such as The Great Wall of China.

Anna Thompson, deputy head, said: "We think this a great idea because it allows the children to explore different parts of the world in the classroom, how many kids get to travel to Antarctica on a Monday morning? It works brilliantly as an educational tool because it all links into the national curriculum.

"It is a completely new experience for our pupils."

The equipment consists of a tablet-like device split into two sections by cardboard 'goggles' that children look through.

Sue Webster, Google Expeditions associate, said: "The children get so involved and immersed in the experience that they really want to learn more."

Enterprising pupils mean business in skills project

THOUSANDS of Staffordshire pupils are getting the chance to create their own company and develop business skills as part of a county council project.

Young Enterprise is a charity that empowers young people to develop their personal and business skills.

Pupils work alongside teachers, business mentors and employers in school and take part in practical, engaging activities that introduce them to the world of work and enterprise.

Twenty high schools from across the county and city of Stoke-on-Trent have already accessed Young Enterprise programmes, working with more than 3,500 students.

During this academic year, the programme hopes to work with a total of 37 schools, involving around 11,500 pupils.

Participating schools include Cannock Chase High School; Staffordshire University Academy, Hednesford; and Chase Terrace Technology College.

Councillor Ben Adams, cabinet member for learning and skills at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Young Enterprise is a great programme that is really helping inspire our young people with the skills confidence and ambition to succeed in this ever-changing global economy."

Students will be presenting their business ideas to a panel of judges on their ideas at two events next week. The first pitch day will take place at Michelin, Stoke-on-Trent, on Tuesday and the second at the Brewhouse Arts Centre in Burton on Trent the following day.

Firm will move on if village bid fails

BOSSES at DX Freight have they warned they will pull their operation out of the Black Country.

They could move to Coventry or Rugby, potentially leading to the loss of some 550 jobs, if they do not get to build a new super-hub in Staffordshire.

Currently the company has two bases in Willenhall, but wants to combine them to form a super-hub in Essington.

The firm has launched an appeal after its plans for the 44-acre base in the village were rejected, and has also submitted a second set of plans for a smaller base.

Now Dan Gallagher, the joint managing director at DX's developer Stoford, has revealed: "If it is rejected, DX will have to move its current operations outside of the Black Country."

Flower club to get in the festive mood

NORTON Canes Flower Club is presenting a Christmas open evening at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock, on Monday at 7.30 pm.

Nick Grounds will be demonstrating 'Bah Humbug'. Tickets are £8 available on 01543 279133 or at the box office.

Charity in urgent plea after dog found dead

THE RSPCA has issued an urgent appeal for information after a dead dog was found lying and alone in a field.

The RSPCA collected the dog on Friday from Scotch Hills Lane, Barton under Needwood. It had been dumped over a fence on a single-track road, as though he had been 'carelessly tossed into a field', the charity said.

It is not known whether he was dead or alive when he was abandoned.

He is a black and white terrier-sized dog, although his breed cannot be determined due to the matted state of his fur and poor body condition. All of his bones were visible.

RSPCA inspector Nicola Johnson said: "This is a very distressing situation.

"This dog was clearly very unloved and uncared for – his nails were so overgrown they were cutting into the pads on his feet, and his fur was matted, let alone his thin and emaciated state," she added.

"It's unbearable to think of this poor dog's suffering.

"I would urgently ask anyone who recognises this dog or knows how he came to be dumped to ring me in confidence on 0300 123 8018 so we can try to find out what happened to him.

"He is an entire male and does not have a microchip, vets think he is an adult dog, over the age of seven.

"The RSPCA is a charity, and we rely on public donations to exist. To assist our inspectors in carrying out their vital work, please text HELP to 78866 to give £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard network rate message.

Counting down to Xmas4Kids stall

ORGANISERS of a pop-up children's market stall in Rugeley are continuing the countdown to when its launch.

The Xmas4Kids stall will open on November 26, until Christmas Eve, at Rugeley Indoor Market, offering toys, games, books and clothes for children up to and including teenage years.

"There will be no price tickets," organiser Pat Moore said.

"You will make a donation of what you can afford, and what is fair. All donations will be passed on to Rugeley Food Bank to enable them to continue to support local people in crisis."

Items can be left at The Community Church on the corner of Burnthill Lane – formerly the youth centre – or at the indoor market, Made With Love, or Crumbs.

Santa in grotto at family fair

A CHRISTMAS family fair will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Hednesford, on November 26 between midday and 3pm.

Father Christmas will be in his grotto, and everyone is welcome.

My diary of just one journey on the route

THE Cannock Chase MP made a note of her experience of the Chase Line service:

Went to catch 5.58am from Rugeley Town.

On approaching station car park the road was packed with people walking to station, many of whom were blocking the road and making it incredibly difficult to drive up the road – a danger for the pedestrians and drivers.

When I arrived at the station, around 5 minutes before the planned departure, the platform was totally full of people. It was not possible to get near the platform.

When the train arrived it only had 2 carriages. I seriously could not believe the experience of getting on the train.

At first I tried to get on the first carriage but people were literally barging, pushing, physically tackling each other to get on the train. What I witnessed was a scene more similar to the bad old days of football riots. Whilst the crowd was trying to get into the first carriage, one door was shut to that carriage with people still trying to get in.

How no-one got trapped is amazing. This then led to passengers having to walk down the train to get onto another carriage.

Standing

This whole situation was dangerous, and if something is not done about it, there will be a serious accident or injury. I was actually fearful of my safety as I was trying to board the train.

By the time I eventually did get on the train, there was not a seat in sight, and there were people standing throughout, some with bikes, exacerbating the issue and blocking access to any areas where you could stand.

The problems of overcrowding just got worse as we travelled up the line and commuters started to join the train. It was barely possible to move, such was the numbers of people standing in the aisles and doorways.

The service was running late, which was due to the time it was taking people to board/disembark the train. The lack of sufficient carriages is not only causing serious overcrowding but also leading to delays in the service and subsequent services.

A small number of passengers got off at Walsall and then stations closer to Birmingham such as Perry Barr.

At no point did an inspector check any tickets. In fact, even on my return journey, which was on a quiet train, tickets were not inspected.

Also reported that recently one of the commuter trains was cancelled and as a result 2 trains worth of passengers had to pack into one service – which as I have seen for myself is totally overcrowded already.

MP 'completely shocked' by train overcrowding

AMANDA MILLING embarked on a fact-finding mission to experience first-hand the 'misery' of using the Chase Line.

Following a Parliamentary debate about the route (Chronicle, November 10), the Cannock Chase MP took advantage of the Commons recess to see for herself what passengers have to endure. Accompanied by Cannock Chase district councillor Graham Burnett, she boarded the 5.58am from Rugeley Town to Birmingham New Street.

The MP arrived at a packed station, which she said was due to shift changes at Amazon, and saw what she described as chaotic scenes which only worsened through the journey.

Ms Milling said: "I had to experience the service for myself to get a sense of the problems that many constituents have complained to me about. Whilst I have used the service regularly myself, this was the first time I had used the 5.58am train. I was completely shocked by what I saw."

The MP has written a diary of her journey (in full, above) that she will be sending to London Midland as another example of how residents are being failed by the service on the Chase Line.

Chaotic

Ms Milling added: "The train was only made up of two carriages and as a result the train was struggling to even provide standing room, let alone seats. Throughout the journey to and from Birmingham tickets weren't checked at all.

"The scenes at Rugeley Town station were best described as chaotic and unsafe with passengers barging and physically tackling each other to get onto the train. How no-one got hurt amazed me. The over-crowding issue also seems to be having an impact on the punctuality of the service too."

In the Commons, Ms Milling called on London Midland to address the issues of overcrowding. After experiencing the service first-hand, she said: "London Midland need to provide trains with more carriages on the peak-time trains. I have seen and have travelled on many trains during the day on the Chase Line made up of more than two carriages, so I can't help but wonder why the busiest train is only made up of two coaches."

Councillor Burnett said: "This train is a frequent commute for me.

"The train is often full before it even gets to Hednesford where I board and is always very overcrowded. Something needs to be done."

Amanda Milling on the 5.58am Chase Line service from Rugeley Town to Birmingham New Street

Lessons to be learned from this ordeal

- Number of carriages totally inadequate for the level of use in peak hours and where Amazon staff are using the service given shift changes.
- Overcrowding only going to get worse as seasonal staff numbers continue to increase in run-up to Christmas
- Safety issues in terms of passengers getting on and off the train:

At Rugeley Town where Amazon staff are boarding along the line where overcrowding is making it very hard to get on and off

- Delays resulting from time taken for passengers to get on and off the train
- Lack of ticket inspections

NEWS IN BRIEF

Threat to jobs at Betta Living

JOBS could be lost in Cannock after a kitchen and bedroom furniture chain went into administration.

Dean House Ltd, which trades as Betta Living, appointed FRP Advisory as administrators after struggling with the costs of rapid expansion in recent years.

FRP said Betta Living, which has its headquarters in Oldham, Greater Manchester, closed all of its 24 stores nationwide and sent staff home as it prepared to appoint administrators.

The chain has a shop at the Orbital Retail Park in Cannock.

Plans unveiled for agricultural land

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Land west of Hay Lane, Longdon Green – change the use of agricultural land to a mixed agricultural and equestrian use, the erection of an equestrian barn containing 10 stables, tack room, feed store and the construction of a hardstanding.

114 High Street, Chasetown – substitution of house type (Plot 5) to form one four-bedroom dwelling (amendment to application 16/00629/FUL).

Comments must be received by November 28.

Savings on fares as zone extended

ARRIVA has extended its Stafford Local Area Zone to Penkridge.

The change, which could mean savings of 25 per cent on fares per month, benefits passengers using the 75/75a routes between Cannock and Stafford and route 76 on Sundays between Wolverhampton and Stafford.

For more information about services and timetables, either download the free Arriva Bus App via the Apple Store or Google Play, or visit www.arrivabus.co.uk/midlands/

Search for the owner of distinctive key

THE owner of a key which was found in the Lansbury Drive area of Cannock is being sought.

The key is thought to belong to a safe and was discovered late last week by Anne Franks.

She said: "It's quite specific and probably expensive to replace."

Anyone who thinks the key perhaps belongs to them can visit the Eye Browse book stall on Cannock indoor market on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday.

Talk is on the buses

ONE hundred years of motorbuses is the subject of a talk to Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society next week. Martin Fisher will address the group at the Salem, in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, from 7.30pm on Thursday, November 24. Admission is £1 including refreshments.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THE red remembrance poppy sold by the Royal British Legion has always been avoided by pacifists who prefer the white poppy of the Peace Pledge Union. The Legion's view, as explained on its website is: "We see no conflict in wearing the red poppy alongside the white poppy. We do ask that the items are not offered alongside each other however as this would confuse the public." So how odd that the Legion's online shop is selling not only the red poppy but also a white poppy.

MIND you, the Legion does some strange things with the hallowed poppy image. In its online shop you can buy a pet-food dish with alternating paw and poppy logos. Tacky does not begin to describe it.

A READER asks whether, in the great scheme of things, the US presidential elections and the poppy row with Fifa are more or less momentous than Toblerone re-designing its chocolate bar. We must let history be the judge.

THE most solid and, literally, concrete pledge of the Trump campaign was to build that wall on the Mexican border to keep illegal immigrants out. Yessir, it was gonna be wide and high – and Mexico would pay for it. Within a few hours of Trump's victory, his aides were advising us to think of it as a virtual, smart or metaphorical wall.

DONALD Trump's victory led to one of those hilarious pieces of pompous, self-regarding nonsense that make The Guardian such fun. Appealing for donations from the public, the newspaper implored: "Help us hold the new US president to account, sort fact from fiction, amplify under-represented voices." Damn right. Forget Isis, the Russians, the Chinese and home-grown terror. The one thing that Donald really dreads is a hissy column from Polly Toynbee.

AT any other time the deaths of seven passengers, with more than 50 others injured, would have been recognised as the national calamity it is. The Croydon tram disaster, overshadowed by the US election, is like a throwback to the days when rail crashes were common. After years of accident-free travel, has the system lowered its guard? It appears trams do not have the same speed-control system as trains. Why in heaven's name not?

PEOPLE tend to assume that those of us without mobiles are being awkward or trying to make some sort of Luddite point. Not at all. We just feel more comfortable not being part of the great global herd of heads-down phone slaves who spend every waking hour grazing on text messages.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Councillors fined for missed tax payments

TWO Staffordshire councillors have been fined for not paying their council tax on time, new figures show.

South Staffordshire's Tory Councillor Henryk Lobuczek was barred from voting in the authority's budget as he missed a payment for more than two months, while former Police and Crime Commissioner candidate Joy Garner was fined £95 for missing a payment. The figures, which relate to the 2015-16 financial year, were provided after a Freedom of Information request, which asked how many councillors received reminder letters, how many were summoned to court, how many of those cases went ahead and how many councillors were subsequently banned from voting on their authority's budget.

Throughout Staffordshire, local authorities sent out 22 reminders over unpaid council tax. In South Staffordshire, Mr Lobuczek said he got into arrears after losing his job.

Mr Lobuczek, who was elected to represent Featherstone and Shareshill last year, added that he was now in the process of paying back the council tax he owes.

Burslem Park's Labour councillor Joy Garner, who was narrowly defeated by Matthew Ellis in the 2012 Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner elections, was summonsed along with her husband, Councillor Martin Garner, over an unpaid bill.

The Local Government Finance Act forbids councillors from voting on the council's budget – and determining the council tax – if they themselves have missed payments for two consecutive months and have not taken action to remedy the problem.

Sprinklers 'crucial in tackling Amazon fire'

By Simon Stone

AMAZON has been praised for installing a potentially life-saving sprinkler system which helped to suppress a blaze at its Rugeley site.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service said the safety equipment activated immediately when it detected heat from the fire on Sunday, quickly putting the flames out.

Such systems can save lives in emergencies and ensuring minimal damage is caused to buildings.

Fire Engineer Stuart Ruckledge said: "This was quite a severe incident which involved three separate seats of fire, one on each floor, at a time when Amazon employees were working in the building.

"As with any incident such as this, it was extremely distressing for members of staff, and it is particularly hard to bear, now that it has been revealed that the cause was deliberate ignition.

Damage

"However, the consequences could have been far more serious if the sprinkler system had not been in place. At the very least, the financial cost in terms of loss of stock, productivity and damage to the building would have been far worse but, even more worryingly, people may have been injured or even killed.

"This fire just goes to show how important sprinkler systems are in helping to minimise the damage that blazes can reap and how businesses, in particular, can benefit immensely from investing in one.

"This is extremely pertinent in the case of Amazon in the run-up to Christmas – its busiest time of year – when it helps to boost local employment and therefore the economy by taking on extra members of staff. We will work with Amazon to provide support and to advise on its business continuity plan."

Six crews from Rugeley, Cannock, Lichfield, Chase Terrace and Abbots Bromley attended the incident. The first appliance arrived at 2.19am and the last left at 11.21am.

Gas leak after car smashes into building

The damage inside WIS International's offices as a result of the crash

HOMES were evacuated after a car crashed into a nearby business, causing a gas leak.

The silver Ford Mondeo ended up embedded in the wall of the building at The Green, in Hawks Green Lane, Cannock, at 10.20pm on Sunday.

Officers found the car through the wall, with a strong smell of gas and a hissing noise indicating a leak. However, no driver was found.

Witnesses reported seeing two men leaving the scene. Police are now appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

The building's landlord Kevin Faulkner said he was called to the building to find the Ford Mondeo had smashed through one of its walls into the offices of WIS International, a data collection company which has been based there for 11 years. The car knocked through a layer of breeze blocks, insulation and bricks, and the impact removed the building's gas box from the wall, triggering a leak.

Supports were put in place to prop up the wall. CCTV on the building is available police had to wait to recover footage because all electricity to it had been turned off.

Following the crash, people in the surrounding area were asked to leave their homes and go to a nearby McDonald's. They were not able to return home until 1.15am the following day.

Staffordshire Police spokeswoman Sarah Davidson said the road remained closed until around 10am on Monday to allow for the building to be assessed. The car has since been removed.

The suspects are described as a mixed race male, aged around 25 to 30, with dark hair. The second was white, between 20 and 25, with fair hair.

The crashed Ford Mondeo
Picture: Lucy Anne Forrester

Inmate hit officer over the head with a mug

A PRISONER hit an officer over the head with a mug and tried to gauge his eyes out and then stole a £14,000 BMW from a driveway after he was released, a court heard.

Paul Hobbs has been jailed for three years and four months for burglary and theft at the home in Lichfield as well as assault occasioning actual bodily harm at HMP Oakwood in Featherstone.

The 22-year-old from The Congreaves, Birmingham, targeted the property in Walsall Road between August 11 and 13 while the homeowner was away on holiday. He took the car keys from a cabinet before driving off in the BMW.

Police tracked him down after recovering blood from an inside door handle and running a DNA check.

Police arrested Hobbs on August 14 after chasing him when he fled in an Audi car which was also thought to be stolen at the time.

He pleaded guilty at Stafford Crown Court to burglary and theft, and admitted attacking a prison officer at HMP Oakwood on March 20.

Hobbs was in jail serving a sentence for his second of two previous burglary convictions when he acted aggressively after being asked to return to his cell. The officer needed three butterfly stitches to his head.

Recorder Abigail Nixon sentenced 'third-strike burglar' Hobbs to 30 months for the break-in and 12 months for the theft to be served at the same time. She handed him a further 10 months on top for the assault.

Prison violence figures revealed

STAFFORDSHIRE prisons are more violent than HMP Bedford, the scene of recent riots, latest figures show.

HMPs Brinsford, Dovegate, Featherstone, Oakwood, and Swinfen Hall all had more assaults last year than the Bedford jail, where some 200 inmates went on a rampage this month.

In 2015 HMP Bedford recorded some 100 assaults but Brinsford, the young offenders institute in Featherstone, saw 276 assaults take place last year – the highest in the county.

Oakwood, the G4S-run prison, had some 263 with Swinfen Hall, near Lichfield, recording 234 and Dovegate, in Uttoxeter, 239. Featherstone recorded 146 assaults.

Only Stafford, 29 incidents, and Drake Hall, 21, recorded fewer assaults than Bedford.

Church is offering special readings

HEATH Hayes Spiritualist Church is offering one to one, Tarot and Angel card readings on November 26 at the Cabin, in Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes, next to Tonic Spa.

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'Be aware' plea over the use of antibiotics

HEALTH leaders are urging people to be aware of the proper uses of antibiotics and ensure that they take them responsibly.

Ahead of European Antibiotic Awareness Day tomorrow (Friday), doctors and NHS managers are raising awareness about the risks of taking antibiotics inappropriately.

They are calling on patients to learn about the proper treatment of common winter conditions such as coughs, colds and the flu.

Dr Mo Huda, chair of Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "It is a common misconception that antibiotics are a cure-all, but the reality is, they just won't work in the case of a cold or the flu.

"There are many different types of antibiotics, and they work against bacterial infections, not viral infections, such as colds, coughs and flu.

"Doctors and patients should also consider that antibiotics can have side effects."

Following a review, Cannock Chase CCG reduced their overall prescribing of antibiotics by 8.3 per cent in 2015-16.

However, local prescribing still remains above the national average – nine out of 10 GPs say they can feel pressured by patients to prescribe antibiotics, and 97 per cent of patients who ask for antibiotics are prescribed them.

Health professionals and the public are being encouraged to make a pledge to make better use of antibiotics at www.antibioticguardian.com

Hundreds seen at injuries unit

MORE than 460 children have been seen at County Hospital's minor injuries unit in its first month.

Following the suspension of the children's emergency centre in Stafford on August 25 due to a lack of specially-trained staff, the unit was reinstated on October 10 to deal with patients suffering with anything up to a broken bone. It has seen an average of 15 youngsters a day, while those aged 16 to 17 have had the choice to be treated in the main adult A&E.

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health visited County Hospital earlier this month as part of their review on the future of child emergency services which will determine whether critical cases can be dealt with in Stafford.

Church fair is in aid of charities

A CHRISTMAS fair in aid of local charities takes place at St Augustine's Church, Rugeley, this month.

The event, from 10am to 12.30pm on November 26, features a Santa's grotto, Christmas cards and games.

Entertainers lined up for big switch-on

Jean Martyn

HUNDREDS of families will be flocking to Cannock town centre tomorrow (Friday) for the annual Christmas lights switch-on.

Organised by Cannock Traders Association, the event will be held between 4pm and 8pm.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling will switch on the lights at 7pm, when there will also be a fireworks display.

Before then, international concert pianist and organist Jean Martyn of Britain's Got Talent fame will entertain the crowds from 6pm.

Santa is due to arrive at the lower bandstand at 6pm, and there is face painting in Cannock Shopping Centre. Entertainment will also be provided by DanceBitz.

Proud

The whole event is to be hosted by popular entertainer Martin Leonard, who is well known for his performances of songs from the 1940s to the 1970s at events throughout Staffordshire and the surrounding counties.

"I'm proud to be hosting this event, and I hope to make this a great and enjoyable day for all who attend," Martin said.

Sheila Dunning, events manager at Cannock Traders Association, said: "This event brings huge crowds to the town, and extra trade for the traders.

For details about the day, call 07963 752993 or email sheila.dunning@sky.com

Martin Leonard

'Hang up' alert after £1,900 stolen in con

POLICE have urged residents to be on their guard after a woman was conned out of £1,900 and a man had his computer taken over by internet scammers.

In two incidents reported to Staffordshire Police, a woman in Stafford was told by a scammer claiming to be from TalkTalk that they were refunding £200 to her account but had put £2,200 in by mistake.

She was then asked to pay back £1,900 of this and told she could keep the rest.

However, when she paid the money via a moneygram at her bank, she found that she had received no payment.

Later in the day, a man from Cannock received a call from someone claiming to be his internet provider, telling him he had been hacked.

After the caller claimed to have fixed the hacking problem, he was instructed to use his internet banking account to receive a refund.

His computer was then remotely accessed by the scammers and it appeared that they had mistakenly refunded him £3,200.

Suspicious

The female caller said she would lose her job over this and asked him to go to his bank and withdraw £2,900 claiming she would send someone to his house to collect it.

The man was suspicious and told the caller he thought it was a scam and hung up.

He contacted his bank and told them what had happened and they put a block on his account to stop any money being taken.

When instructed by the police to turn the computer off, to cut the control to the scammers, it was discovered that a 'lock' had been placed on the computer, meaning that he could no longer use it.

Staffordshire Police spokesperson Deana Pritchard said: "The scammers will be very plausible and sound genuine.

"The story they give changes as people become aware of new scams, so please think before giving information to anyone.

"If you are not expecting a refund from a company, it is probably not genuine."

Anyone with information on the above incidents is asked to call Staffordshire Police on 101. To report a fraud and receive a police crime reference number, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via its online fraud reporting tool.

Passer-by steps in to tackle bus blaze

Amanda Barker helped to tackle this bus fire with an extinguisher she carries in her car Picture: Aldridge Fire

A QUICK-THINKING passer-by saved bus passengers from potential disaster after the vehicle's engine caught fire.

Amanda Barker leapt into action when a fire broke out on the Arriva number 3 service and the bus was evacuated.

Nine passengers were on the bus, which was travelling from Cannock to Walsall via Brownhills. No-one was hurt in the incident, which happened on the Wilkin Estate in Brownhills at 9.30am on Tuesday last week.

As the driver attempted to put the fire out using the on-board foam extinguisher, Ms Barker went to his aid, armed with her own powder extinguisher.

Ms Barker, 48, from Brownhills, was on her way to work at a nearby shop when she saw the flames. She said: "I pulled up quite a distance behind it because I was thinking if it goes up all the bungalows nearby are going to be set alight too.

"I can't even really say why but I always carry a fire extinguisher around with me in my car, it is just a safety precaution. I guess it was just an instinctive moment."

The damaged bus was taken back to the Cannock depot, with Arriva bosses praising Ms Barker's actions. Depot manager David Brent said: "We are grateful to her for her help and quick thinking."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Magnet about to open showroom

MAGNET will be opening a new kitchen showroom in Walsall Road, Cannock, on Monday.

Experts will be on hand at the new branch to create bespoke kitchen layouts using 'cutting edge' 3D design tools.

Jordan Spragg, manager at the new showroom, said: "We are really excited about taking a new home on Walsall Road in Cannock.

"We have several innovative kitchen ranges to view and can't wait to showcase them to new customers in the local area."

New company will support engineers

A NEW company has been set up in Brocton by expert electrical engineers to educate electrical practitioners about electromagnetic compatibility issues.

Power quality specialist EMC Standards is being run from a home office by Keith Armstrong and Steve Hughes. It aims to refresh the way people learn about EMC issues, moving away from the old 'bricks and mortar' methods to a new service that reaches a wider audience.

The EMC Standards website is at www.emcstandards.co.uk

Early sprint for places in race

MORE than three quarters of places for next year's Stafford half marathon have been snapped up.

There will be 4,000 places for the run in March but Stafford Borough Council says more than 75 per cent of these have been signed up for already, meaning around 1,000 places are left.

Councillor Mike Smith, the council's leisure boss and former half marathon competitor, said: "My message is simple – get your place booked as quickly as you can."

Week of finding out about our wild birds

PARENTS have the opportunity to take their children to a series of free wild-bird workshops as part of the Pets at Home and the RSPB's joint venture, Wild Bird Awareness Week.

Pets at Home in Cannock will be hosting My Pet Pals Wild Bird Awareness Week workshops, to educate the next generation of animal lovers on how to care for our flying friends.

The workshops will run from November 21 to 30 at 4pm. To find out more visit petsathome.com/workshops

Ramblers' outing

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is a nine-mile moderate walk from Shenstone. Meet as usual at Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For details about the walk or the group, call John on 01543 677816. New walkers are welcome.

IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

Politics? Give me a bit of that old apathy

THERE seems to be a lot of anger in the world at the moment. Just as it was with the EU referendum, the election over in the colonies has shown us that we are not alone in living in a society which seems to be very divided along ideological lines.

Where has all this vitriol suddenly come from? The liberal commentators' view seems to be that there is a simmering undercurrent of uneducated, older blue collar workers who feel that they have been left behind by progressive society. Which, roughly translated, means those who disagree with them are a bit thick.

But I think there is another force which is to blame. Smart phones.

Think about it. People used to hold enlightened discussions in public debates. Then radio phone-ins came along, turning the heat up a notch or two. Swiftly followed by Central Weekend which, for those who don't remember, was a bit like Question Time. With bouncers.

Now we have Facebook and Twitter, and anyone with a smart phone in their pocket has a ready audience. Suddenly everybody's a philosopher.

Only they aren't, because in this age of instant communication, weighing up the pros and cons, and trying to understand the opposite point of view, is just too slow. Instead, the whole thing is gone tribal. People decide which side they are on the way they choose a football team, and they'll stick to their guns through thick and thin. Woe betide anyone who takes the other side.

Old friendships come to an abrupt end on so-called social media. Last week, somebody I vaguely used to know called for a sniper to take out Donald Trump. How can anybody get so worked up about politics? And another country's politics at that.

Maybe I'm out of date. But I can't help but yearn for a bit of good old-fashioned apathy.

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WHATEVER one's views on the Merry Hill centre, it would be churlish not to give Don Richardson a huge slap on the back for his latest venture, a free car park outside Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley.

It is heartbreaking to see pensioners and other people on low incomes shelling out day after day to visit loved ones with long-term conditions, and this is a superb act of generosity from Mr Richardson.

Let's hope others follow this lead.

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UNDER new proposals, patients with sore throats may be referred to the chemist rather than their doctor. Do people really trouble their GP with such trivia? No wonder the NHS is strapped for cash.

Toughen up and get some Strepsils.

Family and friends wear West Brom tops to the funeral

Mr Smith seen with a special T shirt in tribute to Joshua

Adam Smith, with his step-son Joshua, who died aged 14

Minis funeral convoy in tribute to Joshua

Report by Carl Jackson

HE was the Mini-mad boy who had saved hundreds of pounds to fix up his very own classic car with his father ready for the day he passed his test.

But tragically, Joshua Rowlinson, from Walsall, had his life cut short at the age of 14 after suffering from a suspected epileptic fit which brought on a heart attack.

His devastated parents step-father Adam Smith, aged 38, and mother Becki Shone, 32, turned the Shelfield Academy pupil's funeral into a celebration of his short but bright life.

Dozens of Minis featured in last Thursday's procession to Sandwell Valley Crematorium, with drivers hailing from all over the country answering a social media appeal to make the occasion extra special. "I don't know why, maybe he got it from me or his grandad but Joshua loved the classic Mini," said Mr Smith.

Saved

"He used to help me fix our car and had saved £1,700 towards his own Mini. He just saved pocket money and some Christmases didn't ask for presents he just wanted money towards it. He wanted me and him to work on it together so on the day he passed his test he could drive it. It was something he wanted to pass on down through the family."

The doting step-father said Joshua had a huge personality and character despite having to overcome Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other underlying behavioural symptoms, which held him back from prospective careers in The Army and the Royal Air Force.

The father-of-three, whose other two children are daughters Amelia, aged 12, and Lily-Mae, aged two, had been Joshua's carer as well and said their relationship had been incredibly close. "He wasn't just my son he was my best mate. We did absolutely everything together. He was like my little shadow."

What adds to the pain of losing Joshua is that there are still question marks over why he died. It was only in August this year when he had his first ever fit while the family were on holiday at Camber Sands in East Sussex. Doctors at Conquest Hospital in Hastings said it was not necessarily anything to worry about being the only one he had ever had.

The convoy of Minis which came together in tribute to the teenager who died from a suspected epileptic fit which caused a heart attack

But when Joshua had a second fit within weeks of the family returning home his parents took him to Walsall Manor Hospital, where doctors began investigating further. After a brain scan Mr Smith said doctors told him it was likely his son had epilepsy but further tests were arranged to confirm the diagnosis. But on Saturday, October 22, tragedy struck. The teenager had his third fit in the night and the following morning his parents found him not breathing.

Mr Smith carried out CPR and managed to regain a pulse while paramedics who arrived at the home in Foodbrook Lane, Pelsall, managed to get Joshua breathing in the ambulance. But later the same day the boy passed away at Birmingham Children's Hospital. For Mr Smith it is the second time he has endured a devastating loss after his former wife Sarah died from skin cancer in 2006 aged 27.

"When I lost my wife I went into a very dark place and became very depressed," he said. "I can't go back there again.

"Grief brings on an awful lot of different emotions, anger and frustration. We have been through it all. I am just trying to think of the times we had together. It was a freak accident and it was his calling, his time. That's how I have to look at it."

One thought of consolation will be that Mr Smith did manage to fulfil one of his son's wishes which was to take him to see his beloved West Bromwich Albion at an away match

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County remembers war sacrifices

The dignity of the Cannock service *Picture: Staffordshire Police*

Prince Harry at the Armed Forces Memorial

Wreaths are laid at Hammerwich Hall Care Home

Hednesford remembers *Picture: Old Photos Hednesford, Chadsmoor & Cannock*

STAFFORDSHIRE fell silent as military heroes were honoured in remembrance ceremonies across the county.

There was a parade on Sunday to St Luke's Church in Cannock from Stafford Road to the Cenotaph where wreaths were laid by dignitaries.

Cannock Chase Councillor Gordon Alcott laid a wreath on behalf of the local authority.

He said: "It was an honour. We don't often have the chance to pay our respects to those who have died in conflict, so it was a special moment.

"It was a really well-attended service including everyone from the forces, Scouts, Guides and members of the public."

There was also a service at St Peter's Church in Hednesford. Cannock Chase Councillor George Adamson was in attendance, and he said: "It was wonderful. We had literally hundreds of people turn up, it was tremendous."

Other events included a gathering at the war memorial in Rugeley, which followed a church service at St Augustine's Church and a parade from Market Street.

Residents and staff at Bupa's Hammerwich Hall Care Home in Burntwood Road held a memorial service.

Afterwards, residents laid wreaths in the home's new memorial garden, which included ceramic poppies donated by Hollybush Garden Centre. Erica Neal, home manager at Hammerwich Hall, said: "It is always important for us to remember those who died in the line of duty, especially as many of our residents lost loved ones themselves."

In Stafford town centre, there was a large turnout in Victoria Square as a parade arrived at the war memorial.

Last Friday, Prince Harry was at the National Memorial Arboretum to lay a wreath at a remembrance service at the Armed Forces Memorial.

He stood alongside representatives from the Army, Navy and RAF to mark the day, as silence swept over the crowds at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

The Royal British Legion's Field of Remembrance at the site will be available to visit until Sunday.

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Democracy is a myth

RESPONSIBLE members of our Parliament should have researched and analysed both sides of the argument to plan in advance and offer, only after cross-party agreement, a referendum.

Everyone is speaking about democracy. Democracy is a myth. It is not democracy for people to vote, then their MP votes on command of the party against constituents' wishes.

A TOOSI
Cannock

They are not out of touch

PAUL Witton quite rightly points out that the Conservatives can call a snap election (Letters, October 21).

But I feel he his wrong in believing that the Government are out of touch with what he describes as ordinary working people. I am bewildered that he can't understand why the majority of ordinary working class people rejected Europe.

MR A ALLPORT
Huntington

Are these turbines a valid energy source?

John Hammond took this photograph of the turbines which he says have ruined the view

I DO wonder if the two new wind turbines located between Penkridge and Cannock are really just a nod that the right thing is being done for the environment more than a valid contribution to energy production?

From elevated parts of the Chase they have totally ruined the view of the countryside.

Beautiful views towards the Wrekin and Shropshire Hills now have two giant sailed metal poles smack bang in the centre. Will these two turbines really generate a considerable amount of power?

Or is it a case of grants and government policy?

I would imagine it will take a long time for the cost of these to be recouped in electricity. Please – no more.

JOHN HAMMOND
Cheslyn Hay

Hopes of avoiding poverty shattered

THE Prime Minister is unleashing a savage attack that will hit the life chances of the poorest children in the UK.

Welfare payments to unemployed households are being reduced from £26,000 to £20,000 to everywhere outside Greater London. It will mean around 64,000 new homes will be hit by the cap, and nearly two thirds of those are single mothers.

When Theresa May became the leader of the Tory Party, she said she would ensure that every person in the country would have a fair chance to achieve their objectives.

But she has now unleashed a monstrous assault on 40,000 single mothers, shattering their hopes of avoiding further poverty for them and their children.

The hypocrisy of the Prime Minister's callousness takes us back to the early 1990s that saw the victimisation of single mothers. Her actions have now confirmed that she is the new advocate of the 'nasty party'.

PAUL WITTON
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Sign up for literacy drive

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GINNY LUNN
Chief executive

People had their say

I REFER to the High Court ruling concerning Parliamentary sovereignty and its right to vote on the activation of Article 50 etc.

This case was brought to the court by the Remain campaigners who clearly have no respect or regard for democracy except of course when it suits them.

It was Parliament that gave us the referendum, and the people gave their answer and they said leave the EU.

Whether you like it or not that is democracy.

MR R C WALLER
Stafford

Kindness after a fall

MAY I take this opportunity to give my heartfelt thanks to the kind gentleman that stopped to help when my friend took a nasty tumble at Rycroft Cemetery on Monday, October 31.

Thank you so much for your help – sorry I didn't get your name.

SUE MOSELEY
Great Wyrley

Childish but I get my revenge on moaners

I AM sick and tired of the sanctimonious, Europhile, Brit-hating so-called celebrity 'remoaners' who simply cannot get their heads around the fact they came second in a two-horse race called the EU Referendum Stakes.

It is called democracy, you fools. I have also found a way to make me feel better concerning such unpatriotic people, ie do I have Virgin Media in my house, have a Virgin phone or fly Virgin? No, Mr Branson (remainer), I do not.

Similarly, I will not watch a programme featuring Ross Kemp, Eddie Izzard, Geldof or similar. I do not watch BBC news (too Europhile) and Gary Lineker. I refuse to buy Walkers crisps and now eat alternative versions. Is all this childish? Absolutely yes! But it doesn't half feel good.

MR T TURNER
Rugeley

Make your views heard on future of healthcare

THERE is a meeting being held by Healthwatch Staffordshire on November 30 at the Aquarius in Hednesford to discuss plans for the future of healthcare in our area.

It runs 4pm to 7.30pm but you can call in and just give your views and talk to experts. This meeting will help set the course for the future of health and care services in Cannock Chase, from how many hospital beds we have to A & E services and the type of care that GPs and district nurses give. I would like to urge as many people as possible to drop in for at least a short time to discuss what is being planned.

There will be less money for healthcare in the future. Have your say on what our health services should look like.

GEORGE ADAMSON
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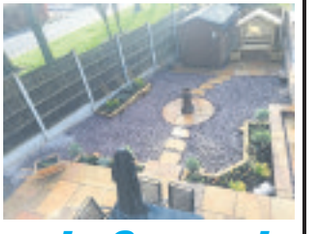

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Memories of home-spun remedies

Chase Terrace Ladies

FUN and interaction can describe the conversation with guest speaker Cath Reynolds, who served up memories of the home-spun remedies that families would have used when they were sick as children.

No doubt some of them did more damage than good as with the case of the mother who poured her hair peroxide in a child's ear to cure his earache.

A lot of the remedies were concocted from what was at hand. Honey and lemon in the kitchen could help with a sore throat, while potatoes, onions or meat fat could get rid of warts.

Chests were often coated in grease and brown paper which usually only served to add a pungent aroma to the air on entering the room.

Old fashioned remedies were sold in the local grocers such as Wintergreen, Sno-fire, olive oil, Indian Brandee and Camphor oil together with quack remedies such as little pink pills which may have just been placebos. Nobody had thought of cooking with olive oil in those days, it was purchased in the smallest of bottles from the chemist.

Ladies also remembered childhood nursery rhymes which depicted various epidemics.

Some home remedies are still being used today, like a bowl of steaming water with Olbas oil in to clear sinuses or using vinegar to calm insect stings.

Cake is cut to mark club's 23rd birthday

Chairman Joyce Cox and Vice Chairman Pam Clarke

Cannock & District Ladies Probus

OCTOBER'S speaker gave an informative talk about the Donkey Sanctuary, renowned since 1969 for its work in improving the lives of donkeys the world over through re-homing, veterinary services, and providing companion animals for psychiatric patients.

The club also celebrated its 23rd birthday with the cutting of a cake by chairman Joyce Cox and vice-chairman Pam Clarke. Members enjoyed sharing the fruit cake after a two-course lunch at Chase Golf Club.

Meetings for Cannock and District Ladies Probus are held on the first Thursday of each month at The Chase Golf and Country Club

This meeting was followed on November 3 with speaker being puppeteer Derek Wharton.

For more on joining contact the membership secretary on 01543 505107 or visit www.probusonline.org

Excellent day at Bletchley Park

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GUILD members were disappointed that Reverend Lynn Morris was not well enough to visit but she was wished a speedy recovery and will visit in the new year.

A laugh and a giggle made the afternoon as the beetle drive replaced Lynn. At the November Guild meeting Joy and Alan Lewis will be giving an illustrated talk about Women at War.

The Guild had an excellent day out at Bletchley Park. Members were most impressed with all the interesting things to see and the informative speaking guides. Members chose from the varied menu in the restaurant to have an enjoyable lunch.

In November the Luncheon club will meet at the Podge & Tin in Cannock. Members are looking forward to the Facts and Fun Day to be held in Birmingham.

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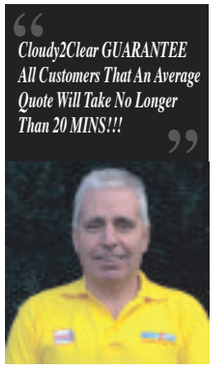

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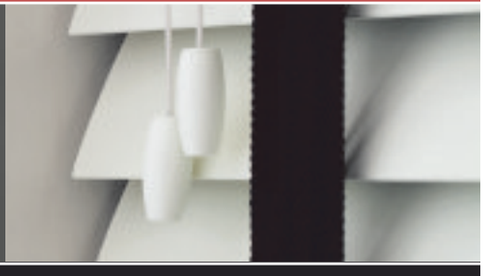

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Lions get ready for seasonal activities

RUGELEY and District Lions are approaching their busiest time over the Christmas period and are hoping that local people will help them to make this another successful year.

The group have launched their Christmas Toy Appeal for needy children. Unwrapped new or unused toys can be handed at authorised drop-off points.

These are Three Wishes, Upper Brook Street; St Josephs Community Centre, Lichfield Street (during weekend opening hours) and Gymophobics, in Market Street, Rugeley.

All donations need to be received by Sunday, December 11 when they will be taken by Lions to the Salvation Army Christmas toy service for distribution to children who would otherwise receive nothing over the festive season.

This is the third year of the toy collection and, in the past, more than 500 toys have been collected, thanks to the generosity of the people of Rugeley. "We are looking to repeat that favourable result again this Christmas – please help us put smiles on faces," Lions member Deb Coburn said.

Santa and his elves will be in their grotto at Wyevale Garden Centre, Wolseley Bridge, on Saturdays and Sundays throughout December up to Christmas, between 10.30am and 3.30pm.

Anyone who wants to take a group outside normal times can contact the Lions through social media.

Once again, Santa has asked Rugeley Lions and Rugeley Rotary Clubs to escort him around the area to meet the children, both young and old.

The tour starts on December 5 and ends on December 16. Arrangements are being made for appearances at Tesco, Aldi and Morrisons on certain afternoons. We thank those Stores for their continued support.

"Hopefully you will all come out to wave and cheer Santa on his merry way," Deb said. Call 07970 380746.

By David Banner

Lightning caught in flash of inspiration

The lightning bolt over Penkridge which left residents amazed ***Picture: Mikolaj Kolmer***

A THUNDERBOLT of lightning had Penkridge residents shocked on Friday night.

This image of the lightning was captured by Mikolaj Kolmer, who posted it on Facebook after the region was hit by volatile weather conditions. The epic bolt lit up the sky with a huge current travelling to the ground and smaller ones forking off to the left and right.

Mr Kolmer, from Littleton Place, was at a friend's house in the Wolverhampton Road area when he saw the bolt.

The 36-year-old, who works as a chef, said: "We saw a dark cloud come over the house so we went out to the garden. I wanted to photograph the rainbow but then this bolt of lighting came. It was a very lucky photograph. I took it on my phone."

Residents were astounded by the post, which received more than 160 likes and 24 comments. Sally Marsh said: "Excellent photo." Wendy Hardiman said: "Scared the life out of me, stunning picture."

Mathew Jenkins said: "I Wonder where it landed."

Debbie Turnbull commented: "So that's what my dog was barking at! I didn't even hear it!"

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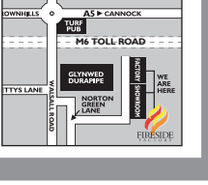

Save this real gem of a gallery, says artist

A WORLD-RENOWNED artist has called a council's decision to shut an art gallery to save money 'irrational' and 'ill conceived'.

Andrew Tift, who has worked as a professional artist for more than 20 years, has created a poster aimed at Walsall Council bosses calling for the New Art Gallery to remain open.

Born in Great Wyrley, Mr Tift, aged 47, went from the village's high school to Stafford College of Art to do a foundation course in art and drawing.

He then went on to Birmingham Art College and gained a BA Hons and MA with distinction in illustration.

The Walsall gallery is facing closure as the local authority tries to save £86 million in four years.

Mr Tift said: "Fifteen years ago, against all odds, we got an incredible, majestic, state of the art, world-class art gallery perched incongruously between BHS and Woolworths.

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"It was funded by lottery money and European funding, and not a penny came from the local purse.

"Every time I walk past it I still can't quite believe that it actually happened and came to fruition.

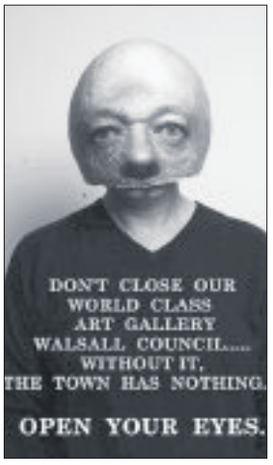
"The best thing that ever happened to Walsall – and now Walsall Council wants to close it down.

"Without New Art Gallery, Walsall – the town has nothing."

Mr Tift said: "I am a local artist and when I go to art events in London and sometimes further afield in Europe and America I'm proud to talk about New Art Gallery, Walsall, and it is respected as one of the very best regional art galleries in the country.

"I don't think we recognise enough in the West Midlands that we have an absolute diamond. It's one of the reasons that I decided to stay in Walsall."

Great Wyrley artist Andrew Tift



His poster backs the campaign

Wildlife calendar appeal

PHOTOGRAPHERS are being invited to submit entries celebrating Staffordshire's varied wildlife and landscapes for a 2018 charity calendar.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has launched a competition to find 12 images taken across the county for the calendar, which will go on sale next year. The competition follows the success of the 2017 edition, which led to dozens of high quality entries.

The trust is urging people to pick out any photographs they have already taken, check for wildlife in their gardens or head out into the countryside across the county and start snapping.

Images capturing all seasons are needed for the calendar. Jon Owen, assistant communications officer for the trust, said: "We know there are many excellent photographers who love taking pictures of wildlife and landscapes across Staffordshire."

Closing date for entries is April 28. To enter, visit www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/photographycomp

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Villagers tell of speeding concerns

Matthew Ellis and police officers with members of the Wedges Mills Residents Group

RESIDENTS in Wedges Mills have told the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire of their concerns about motorists speeding through the village.

They also raised the issues of the volume of traffic travelling along the A4601 through the village, as well as the noise and vibrations caused by larger vehicles travelling at speed. Wedges Mills Community Speed Watch group are regularly recording freight vehicles going through the village at speeds of up to 50mph in the 30mph zone.

The residents group invited Matthew Ellis to their latest meeting in order to express their concerns and seek advice.

Group member Alan Smith said: "This meeting was prompted by a petition and a comprehensive report that was submitted to the county council highlighting the various issues that are concerning the residents of Wedges Mills. This report highlighted issues of speeding traffic, up and down, day and night, on the A4601. Various solutions were suggested and implemented, to resolve these concerns."

Mr Ellis said: "It is clear to me that local people are at their wits' end with speeding traffic, particularly heavy goods vehicles. It's really important that professional drivers understand the impact that heavy vehicles have in communities like this. Officers at the meeting have already agreed to look at some enforcement activity in the area.

"I will also be writing to haulage companies asking them to respect local people's amenity and sign up to a code of conduct that will apply pressure forcing them to remain within the speed limit."

For more details on Community Speed Watch in Staffordshire visit www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/my-community/community-speed-watch

Outrage at school raids

THE Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire has expressed his outrage and disgust at a series of break-ins at a community school in Burntwood.

Chasetown Community School has been the victim of three burglaries in the space of three weeks with students' iPads being taken during the break-ins as well as money raised by students for the Poppy Appeal.

A significant amount of damage was also done to the school during the break-ins – including to the doors used to gain entry.

Matthew Ellis met with students and teachers at the school to reassure them that Staffordshire Police are taking the burglaries seriously and following up any leads they have. During his visit he also took questions from the students about the incidents which included: 'Why would they take our iPads?', 'Is it because it's near Christmas?' and 'Will using better passwords stop them from using the iPads?'

Mr Ellis said: "This series of break-ins has had a devastating impact on Chasetown Community School.

"The equipment and money stolen and the damage caused to the school has, understandably, left staff and students feeling upset and angry."

Headteacher Linda James said: "These break-ins have had a devastating effect on staff, who are putting on brave faces for the children at the school who are even more affected as their iPads are so personal to them. Our younger children have taken this very personally, especially as money for the Poppy Appeal was taken."

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Hell, these days when Balaam and the Angel play a gig the venue sends them an invoice, rather than a pay cheque, writes Andy Richardson.

Not that drummer Des Morris and his brothers Mark and Jim mind.

The front cover of The Greatest Story Ever Told

They're just happy to be up on stage, doing their thing. The rockers formed in Cannock in 1984 and within two years they'd been signed, entering the chart with their debut album and touring the US with The Mission, Kiss and label mate Iggy Pop.

Des, left, with his brothers Mark and Jim

They got back together to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their debut album with Virgin Records, entitled The Greatest Story Ever Told, with a number of concerts. "We were offered a few dates and did four to see how it went," Des said.

"We'll see how these dates go, then decide what to do next. We're happy with Greatest Story – it's stood the test of time. It still sits in the modern day market. It was a good record."

Music was in the Morris brothers' blood. Their father had brought them instruments as kids and by the age of 11, Des was playing working men's clubs across the Midlands. He added: "We did that for four or five years then Jim went off to college and me and Mark were in various bands. I was in heavy metal bands before the indie bands. We tried out a few singers and they didn't work out so Mark decided to sing. We were just doing local shows to one man and his dog. Then Mark started following a few bands around and he blagged a few support dates."

Everything changed. Suddenly, Balaam were in the ascendancy. "It was great fun. We were 18 years old at the time and it was a big new world out there." They left Virgin Records in 1991 when the label was reorganised.

"There had been 165 bands but they got rid of most. They only kept about 25 then sold it to EMI.

"The people they kept were big sellers like Phil Collins and Simple Minds. Then the recession came and the industry has never really recovered."

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The band took a break. Mark and Des raised families and put Balaam into hibernation. But the desire to perform returned. "Now it's a labour of love. Every now and then we come out of the woodwork to play a show.

"We're still in touch with some of the other bands from back in the day. It's all email these days, we don't get together for beers or anything.

"We loved being on the road when we were kids."We were never a band with a massive tour bus. We'd get up each morning and see the city we were in. We never knew whether we'd go back there again. We loved touring. We loved America, Italy and Japan, where we were successful. We were doing the San Siro football stadium in Italy and playing with the likes of Kiss.

"We did three tours of the States and the longest was four months. Then we did two weeks with Iggy Pop. Iggy was like our dad backstage."

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Interview by Andy Richardson

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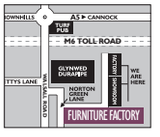

Tempest is festival choice

THE Tempest will be the feature play of next year's Stafford Festival Shakespeare, it has been announced. The production at Stafford Castle will see the team behind this year's Othello reunite. Director Clare Prenton, music director Craig Adams and production designer Frances Collier will create the Shakespearean masterpiece. The play is Shakespeare's final solo play and celebrated as one of his most enchanting works. The Tempest will open on June 22 and run until July 8. Full information can be obtained on 01785 619080 or at www.staffordfestivalshakespeare.com

38-bedroom hotel likely to get the go-ahead

A 38-BEDROOM hotel could be built next to a busy pub and restaurant under new plans, despite its location on green belt land.

The bid by Marston's to see part of the Spread Eagle site on the Gailey roundabout become 'lodge-style' accommodation has been recommended for approval by officers at South Staffordshire Council because of the need for hotel beds in the area.

By Marion Brennan

A recent study showed that although the local economy is forecast to grow, the number of visitor beds is below the national average and well below that of neighbouring counties.

An archaeological investigation of the spot – the area has many important Roman remains – would have to be undertaken as a condition of permission being granted.

The pub, next to Dobbies garden centre on the junction of the A5 Watling Street and the A449 Wolverhampton Road, will remain open but parking spaces are to be cut from 135 to 108 as part of the plan.

Welcomed

The site would create the equivalent of 10 full-time jobs, in addition to the 62 already provided by the pub.

The move, welcomed by South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson, will be discussed by the planning committe tomorrow (Friday).

The developer says visitors to tourist attractions such as Rodbaston Animal Centre, Moseley Old Hall, Chillington Hall and Weston Hall might choose to stay overnight if accommodation was available.

Staffordshire has 16,500 bed spaces compared with 39,000 in Derbyshire and 23,000 in Shropshire.

Mr Williamson said a hotel would be a huge boost for the area, provided that it was 'of the highest quality'.

"As long as any development is done in keeping with the character of the area it should be welcomed," he added.

Planning officer Lucy Duffy said the argument between inappropriate green belt development and boosting the economy was 'finely balanced'.

The economic benefit alone was not enough to give the hotel the go-ahead, she said, but the fact it would be built on a car park – previously developed land – with good road links tipped the scales in its favour.

"If a hotel is needed, it seems a logical place to put it," she said.

The county archaeologist has advised that an evaluation is undertaken to investigate the nature, character, date and significance of any archaeological remains.

Watling Street formed one of the most important Roman roads linking London and Wroxeter in Shropshire, which was the fourth largest city in Roman Britain. Forts were built at intervals along the length of Watling Street during the first century of Roman occupation.

Councils agree on deal set to bring 3,500 jobs

A DEAL to support the creation of 3,500 jobs and 660 start-up businesses in South Staffordshire over the next four years has been signed by the county and district councils.

The paperwork sets out a plan which will also see the creation of a skills federation to enable young people to meet the needs of local employers and work clubs to support people back into employment.

It will build on successes achieved in the district at i54 South Staffordshire, now home to leading global businesses with a workforce of more than 3,000 people, and Bericote Four Ashes where car parts manufacturer Gestamp will be relocating its operations and 800 employees.

Council bosses say the deal demonstrates a commitment to closer working between the two authorities as the move towards locally retained business rates draws nearer.

Staffordshire County Council leader Philip Atkins said: "Our two councils already work closely together to bring in major investors and create the right environment for businesses of all sizes.

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Former nursery will now be eight homes

A LISTED building in Rugeley is set to become apartments after plans were given the go-ahead by Cannock Chase Council planning bosses.

The owners of the former Fluffy Bumpkins Day Nursery at 9 Wolseley Road want to turn the Grade II listed building into seven one and two-bedroom apartments and a cottage.

The plans for the new homes, opposite Chancel Primary School, also include parking and a cycle/bin store.

Planning bosses at the district council approved the plans earlier this month after they were submitted in September.

The changes to the iconic frontage of the building will be minimal, which went along way to seeing the plans approved.

The main changes will be:

● Rear ground-floor extensions with a rebuild/repair of the existing outbuildings, all within the original brick boundary wall

● Add or remove internal wall divisions with a minimum alteration to existing walling.

● Cover the existing valley gutter to stop problems of blockage and damp

The listed former daycare centre in Wolseley Road set for redevelopment

inside the building. This will alter the design but planning bosses ruled that this would be beneficial and not visible from the surrounding areas

● Replace existing grey plastic rainwater pipes with substantial black plastic goods replicating the original cast iron finish

● Repair of the sash windows retaining internal shutters where they exist ad adding secondary glazing internally elsewhere

● Remove existing unsuitable and worn-out modern additions to the building such as the rear porch

● Replace rear casement windows, which are in poor condition, with slim double glazed windows in timber frames replicating the existing pattern

BHB Architects, based in Lichfield, said in their report submitted to the council: "The building is Grade II listed, is currently vacant and forms a key part of the frontage to Wolseley Road. Formerly a daycare centre and prior to that a bed and breakfast, the building has been altered numerous times in the past. No alterations are proposed to the main frontage."

Independent Councillor Mick Grocott, who represents the Western Springs ward, said he did not think the plans would be 'detrimental' and welcomed a disused building being brought back to life.

He said: "It will not cause excess traffic because it's within walking distance for the town centre.."

During the consultation process the Landor (Local History) Society were contacted, but they said they had no objections.

Youngsters praised over police survey

DPCC Sue Arnold with the Staffordshire Youth Commission and ACC Nick Adderley at the meeting

THE Staffordshire Youth Commission have been praised for improving engagement with their peers across the county to find out young people's views on policing.

The second meeting of the Youth Commission saw members selecting their final six key priorities based on what they feel are the most important issues that affect their age group.

Over the next few months the group will meet and engage with their peers and other young people across the county to talk to them about the new priorities that they have set out and find out their views on policing, crime and the criminal justice system.

Sue Arnold, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire, talked to members of the Youth Commission about the Cyber Safe Staffordshire campaign, the Staffordshire Victim Gateway and the Staffordshire Police Cadets. Assistant Chief Constable Nick Adderley also attended the meeting. Mrs Arnold said: "I was really impressed with the young people there. There was a real broad mix of young people involved who all contributed to the discussions."

Mr Adderley said: "The Staffordshire Youth Commission is a great idea. It gives us an opportunity as the police service to get the ideas and the suggestions of young people to help us shape the way we police."

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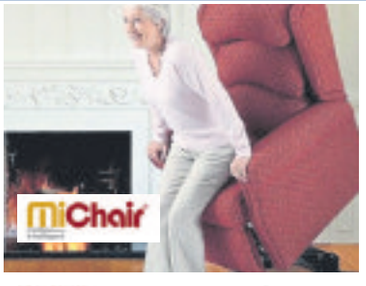

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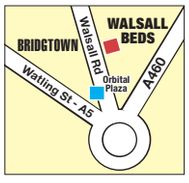

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Festival showcase for business funding

From left, Jess Robinson, of Cannock Chase Council, Councillor Robert McCardle and Nikki Taylor of South Staffs Council, guest speaker Dale Stafford, Jackie Tomlinson, Councillor Gordon Alcott, Ann Oldnall and Debbie Harris, all of Cannock Chase Council

CANNOCK Chase Council hosted a business support event as part of the Staffordshire Business Festival.

Pastries, Prospects and Patter took place at The Moat House in Acton Trussell, a free event held for local businesses.

Business enthusiast and Author Dale Stafford was the guest speaker, sharing experiences with the audience in a Q&A session.

More than 70 people attended the event, which showcased funding opportunities across the Cannock Chase and South Staffordshire districts.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning on Cannock Chase Council, said: "We are also hosting an event at the Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre on Friday, November 18, called 'Looking to start a business?' and this is another opportunity to get information on how to find funding and mentoring to start your own business."

Bosses focus on successes

STAFFORDSHIRE'S ongoing economic successes have been hailed by council leaders at the county's two-week festival of business.

The first ever Staffordshire Business Festival has featured more than 60 events across the county, from export guidance to digital workshops and apprenticeship advice.

Run by the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce, it has been supported by a range of organisations, including the county council. Councillor Mark Winnington said: "We are doing a tremendous amount of work in Staffordshire to support businesses and enable them to thrive, in addition to attracting new investment.

Improve

"We're also doing all we can to increase people's skills so that we have a local workforce which meets the needs of employers."

"In addition, we are continuing to work with other councils and the Government to secure funding to improve infrastructure in the county to create new employment sites."

Councillor Winnington, cabinet member for economic growth, said the festival had been an opportunity for the county council to talk about its successes and inform businesses about how the authority can help them, from taking advantage of its business loan scheme to finding a location for the company.

He said it had also reaffirmed why Staffordshire is 'the right place to do business'.

Firefighters return to re-cap blaze on farm

FIREFIGHTERS have been back at the Slitting Mill fire to recap some of the blaze that broke free.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling reported smoke pouring out of the Rugeley site on Friday morning.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service found that a small section of the blaze away from the main pile was releasing smoke again.

The fire was capped with soil some weeks back, and several attempts to extinguish the farm blaze, which started in September, failed.

The fire service were back on the site on Saturday to recap the blaze with soil.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer Rob Barber said: "The stack that had previously been capped was disturbed overnight, and a small section, away from the main pile, began to release smoke again.

"Cannock Chase Council is continuing to monitor the air quality and will issue guidance and advice if appropriate."

Invalid

Meanwhile, all agencies involved in investigating the Slitting Mill blaze have applied to the High Court for an injunction against the farmer in respect of planning breaches. If successful, the land owner will be forced to comply with planning regulations.

According to the agencies involved, the owner of the land was told in October 2015 that he was breaching planning control regulations by importing and shredding wood and was told to submit a planning application. This was submitted in February 2016 when it was deemed to be invalid by planning bosses. A new application was never submitted.

The fire broke out at Oak Tree Farm on September 5. Dozens of firefighters battled the blaze for days but despite trying out a variety of options were unable to extinguish it. The fire was then capped by soil. When it was raging it caused smoke to go as far south as Cannock town centre. It is unknown how the blaze started but 1,000 tons of mostly wood waste were alight.

Quiz night raises £1,000

Tony Uddin, owner of the Dilshad, with Professor Anita MacDonald

A PROFESSOR at Birmingham Children's Hospital accepted a cheque for more than £1,000 raised at a Cannock Indian restaurant's monthly curry and quiz night.

Professor Anita MacDonald, the UK's first consultant metabolic dietician, visited the Dilshad, in Cannock Road, Chadsmoor, for October's event.

The Dilshad raised £607 through its regular curry and quiz nights and, thanks to £500 from owner Tony Uddin's own pocket, £1,107 was donated.

A delighted Mrs MacDonald, who was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours last year, thanked The Dilshad and its customers for helping to raise such a brilliant amount. She said: "The Dilshad has been a fantastic supporter of ours for so long now raising thousands of pounds for us."

Mr Uddin said: "Birmingham Children's Hospital is our chosen charity, and we will always do our very best to raise lots of money for such a fantastic cause."

The next curry and quiz event will take place on Monday, January 16. Cost per person is £15 which includes starter, main course, rice or naan and dessert or coffee plus entry to the quiz with a maximum of six people per team.

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David Middleton from Katharine House Hospice said: "I think this is the first time so many local charities have joined forces in this way – we all have the common goal of helping local people, and by working together we can make a bigger difference to the people of Mid Staffordshire."

Shyamali Fenton from Stafford and District Bereavement and Loss Support Service said: "Several of the charities taking part are staffed by just a handful of people and simply do not have the resources to run an event on this scale.

"We see this is as a wonderful opportunity to work together to raise our profile within the community and therefore help more local people."

Registration prices are children £2 (including a free goody bag and certificate from Santa on the day), adults £10 (£15 on the day).

Walkers can register now online at www.wewalktogether.co.uk or by calling 01785 270808.

Supporters can choose their preferred charity – their registration fee will go directly to the charity of their choice.

Turbine blamed for poor television signal

Terry Moss from Gailey has lost his TV signal since the turning on of the wind turbine by Rodbaston College

A WIND turbine is being blamed for the loss of the television signal in a family home.

The latest turbine added to the Rodbaston Agricultural College campus in Harrisons Lane, Gailey, was activated earlier this month, and Terry Moss, who lives 500 yards away, says it has ruined his viewing.

Mr Moss said he contacted the college but was told it 'couldn't have been' down to the turbines.

The response prompted him to ask the college director to switch it off temporarily to see if there was a link.

By chance, the turbine was either switched off, or malfunctioned – at which point Mr Moss found he could get a reception again.

Concerns over noise, potential loss of value to homeowners and proximity to homes were raised in relation to the original application for the turbines, which was accepted in 2010. However, Mr Moss said his TV problem has caught him by surprise and he believes the turbines, which were built to provide power for the site, are to blame.

He said: "I am retired now so in the daytime I will switch the TV on.

"I had heard that the turbine would be turned on, and when I put the TV on that day, I just got a message saying 'No signal'.

"I tried all of the usual tricks to see if I could get it working again but I couldn't. I put it down to the turbine being switched on and called the college, but I was told by the director that it couldn't have been their turbines.

"They told me to call back Monday after I asked them to switch it off to see if I was right.

"However, over the weekend one was either turned off or put out of action and my TV came back on. To me, that is pretty good evidence that something isn't right."

The scheme to build the two 413ft-high wind turbines at the campus was given the go-ahead by a planning inspector in December 2010.

"The college had to appeal over an original refusal after South Staffordshire District Council turned down an application in April 2010.

In recent months, the chances of South Staffordshire being inundated with more turbines has arisen after UTC Aerospace submitted proposals to build a 126m turbine at the engineering firm's site in Fordhouses.

Those plans have been labelled 'grotesque' by an MP and have resulted in a petition being launched by residents.

The company is looking to reduce its carbon footprint by using the turbine to. The college was unavailable for comment.

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Christmas at Trentham begins with the incredibly popular Christmas Light Switch On event on Wednesday, November 23, with a Christmas parade lead by Santa and Mrs Claus, along with a host of superhero and fairy tale characters and performers.

The parade culminates with Santa switching on the twinkling festive lights and Christmas trees at Trentham Shopping Village.

Santa will be welcoming visitors who have already purchased their tickets to his atmospheric grotto in the centre of the shopping village aside the River Trent, on Wednesdays (3.30-7.30pm) and weekends (11am-1pm 2pm – 4pm) from Wednesday, November 30 to Sunday December 18, then every day (11am-1pm, 2pm-4pm) until December 23.

Children can experience the magic of meeting Santa, making a wish and receiving a gift.

Outside the grotto, visitors will also be able to meet real penguins on Wednesday, November 30 and December 7 (3.30-7.30pm) and experience penguin and polar bear ice sculpture demonstrations on Wednesday, December 14 and 21 (4-7.30pm).

On Sundays – December 4, 11 and 18, families can meet Santa's reindeer and pose for pictures in his sleigh (11.30am-3.30pm).

Enjoy the scents of mulled wine and warming winter menus, with the sounds of Christmas and the sights of twinkling festive lights at Trentham Shopping Village, with weekly late night openings every Wednesday until 8pm from November 30 to December 21.

Take a whirl around Trentham Ice Rink which returns to the shopping village on the December 9 and is open every day except Christmas Day, until January 8.

With free parking and a traditional village atmosphere, Trentham's 60 timber lodge shops, cafes and restaurants offer a warm winter welcome. Trentham Shopping Village is the perfect place to find unpredictable presents, and handmade decorations that will bring a magical Christmas sparkle to your home. From handcrafted toys to personalised gifts, local artwork and designer jewellery, you'll be spoilt for choice.

An array of eateries offer everything from gourmet pies to traditional roast turkey, so whether you're looking to refuel with a coffee stop, or indulge in a sumptuous festive feast, Trentham is a real foodies' destination. Wrap up warm for a wintery walk in Trentham Gardens.

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For further information, activity times and prices, please visit the site at www.trentham.co.uk

The Trentham Estate

Twinkling with festivity

Trentham Shopping Village is simply bursting with inspirational gift ideas. Shop until 8pm Wednesdays 30 November to 21 December. **Parking is FREE** so take your time to browse around and enjoy a winter warmer in one of our cosy cafés. Meet the reindeer **Sundays 4,11,18 December** in the Shopping Village.

The **Trentham Ice** marquee is back from 9 December - 9 January (excluding Christmas Day) so get your skates on and book ahead to ice skate at Trentham!

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4,000 are caught by 'smart' M6 cameras

ALMOST 4,000 motorists were caught speeding on the M6 by cameras using 'smart motorway' technology.

Figures show that 3,916 speeding fines were issued during the 2014-15 financial year, with nearly £200,000 in fines being imposed.

The drivers were caught between Junctions 8 for Great Barr and 10a for the M54 – a five-mile stretch which is one of the busiest in Europe.

During the same period, more than 50,000 fixed penalties were issued across the UK, compared with 2,023 in 2010-11.

Plans were first announced in 2009 to bring in the smart motorway technology around the UK as part of a government bid to reduce congestion.

The motorways use a variable speed limit and allow vehicles to use the hard shoulder. With 236 miles of smart motorway in place in England, there are plans to add an extra 200 miles.

The 'smart' section of the M6 is often clogged with traffic as the route

A variable speed limit can be set

sees motorists drop down to an average speed of 39mph at the peak time of 8am on Mondays.

Councillor Lee Jevons, portfolio holder for transport at Walsall Council, said: "Highways England and our highways engineers are working together to reduce congestion along this route by carrying out major improvements to junction 10 of the M6. The £64.5 million project will see new, widened bridges being built over the motorway, improvements to the motorway slip roads, installation of intelligent traffic signals, widening and modernisation of the nearby Bloxwich Lane junction, and modification to the Black Country Route (A454).

"These improvements will affect everybody that uses this busy area, from motorists getting to and from work to businesses that need to transport their goods and services to the rest of the country."

Elisabeth Glover, solicitor with Wolverhampton law firm FBC Manby Bowdler, said: "We've not necessarily seen a hike in the number of drivers challenging these types of speeding offences.

"However, we potentially may see a drop in the number of personal injury cases we deal with where someone has been hurt because of a road traffic accident as people become more aware of the cameras and, as a result, slow their speed, in turn reducing the number of accidents."

Ambitious PP's extension well on track

The work in progress on building the £1 million extension to PP Control & Automation's Landywood Green headquarters

AN extension to a Cheslyn Hay manufacturer's factory is due to be completed early in the new year.

Steelwork for PP Control & Automation's £1 million extension is now in place at the Landywood Green site.

The project will add 1,000 square metres of production space, including a new logistics department and clean assembly area.

The company needs the additional capacity to achieve its target of doubling sales turnover to £40m by 2021. New staff are also being recruited for the first phase of expansion.

Contracts

PP Control & Automation – a member of the Manufacturing Assembly Network – is a suppliers of electrical control systems, cable harnesses and sub-contract manufacturing solutions.

The business currently employs nearly 200 people. PP has won new contracts in food, packaging and scientific equipment this year which will help the Staffordshire manufacturer top a £20m turnover this year.

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The aim is to help residents become more independent

Catherine Care provides bespoke support to adults with a learning disability. It was initiated and developed by the directors who not only have many years professional experience in health and social care but also caring responsibilities of a close family member.

They recognised a need for real person-centred support that was innovative and could really capture the goals and aspirations of the people requiring their support. The residential and supported living services are based within the community of Great Wyrley. The residential home is cosy, with the emphasis on developing residents to become more independent and integrate into the local community, while creating a real family feel to it.

Values

Catherine Care is a forward thinking organisation and has recognised the need for homely environments for people that suit their individual support requirements while maintaining that sense of community and interaction with peers we all find important.

The challenge for us as an organisation is to maintain our values and achieve this in a cost-effective way that is affordable to enable full choice and control, balanced with a safe living environment which enables people to achieve full community inclusion and citizenship.

The houses therefore are in the heart of the community and have been internally designed to suit the specific needs of the residents.

We have three clients who through the transition from residential care and elsewhere are very excited about the move to more independent living.

As an organisation that is always ready to develop as the need presents itself, in early 2016 we expanded our day opportunities recognising the need for pushing the boundaries.

We feel we have taken the best of more traditional services and combined these with new, exciting and innovative opportunities to ensure every individual has the opportunity to grow and develop to their own specific potential.

We have a highly skilled and dedicated workforce with specialist practitioners that provides scope for residents living in the new supported living to continue to develop their skills while living independently from family.

To enable you to gain an insight of what we do, here is the profile of one client who is very excited about the move:

J has lived happily in his family home all his life; he has many challenges to overcome including a learning disability as well as mobility problems and varying degrees of poor physical health.

Over the three months of transition, J has been supported to make his own choices and develop skills to enable him to manage the choices he has made.

Using a team approach, his family and those professionals involved in his care agree that he has reached the stage where he is ready to move to supported living but will require continued support to reach his full potential and achieve his goals and aspirations, while maintaining his safety and well being.

Although his extended family do have mixed feelings about him moving on, they are reassured in the knowledge that this is not only a natural progression for him but he will be well supported to grow and develop.

After all, he only wants to 'leave home' and live independently in a house like his sisters do!

He is particularly pleased that he can visit family members who live close by, and he plans to invite them to a house-warming party; he has also mentioned cooking a meal for them in the future. For us to continue to achieve these outcomes for people, we need to recruit forward-thinking, ambitious staff to join our team. We need people who have the personal qualities to support people in a person-centred way where flexibility of hours and imaginative thinking is essential, along with the determination to enable these individuals to real their full potential.

At Catherine Care, we aspire to provide a service that is fully 'person centred' that includes listening, encouraging, learning together, and focusing on what is important to the individuals we support at that time in their life. We work closely and honestly with their family members and friends in supporting individuals to gain their full potential and achieve what they wish for.

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Benefit

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Council defends charge for DIY waste at tips

Theme for fundraising

The pupils get into fundraising mood in aid of MIND

SIXTH formers at a Penkridge school have been busy raising money for the mental health charity MIND.

On the first day back of this half-term the students, who go to Wolgarston High School in Cannock Road, decided that they wanted a theme day so, as it was Halloween, they dressed up in either black or scary clothing.

A total of £118.66 was raised for MIND through cake sales and themed dress.

The fundraising was in direct response to an assembly before half-term which looked at the issue of mental health in the UK.

"Mental health is a cause that they are really passionate about, and this was the first time this sixth form council had raised any money. Well done all," Sarah Roberts, learning resources centre administrator, said.

The school is now looking forward to Children In Need events which it will be holding tomorrow (Friday).

For more information about MIND, visit www.mind.org.uk

CLAIMS that new charges to dump bags of soil, rubble and plasterboard at tips will lead to fly-tipping have been refuted by Staffordshire County Council.

The authority introduced fees at centres around the county from November 1, with a charge of £3 or £4 for domestic DIY associated waste.

More than 900 people have already backed a campaign by the Staffordshire Green Party to scrap the charges over claims the move would lead to illegal dumping.

County Councillor Gill Heath, communities and environment chief, said: "These charges are for individual householders, not trade, and it's important to remember this is the sort of waste most people won't have from one year end to the next.

"We will liaise with district and borough councils to monitor the situation but the simple fact is fly-tipping is illegal and we do not believe charges of £3 or £4 for a large bag that can hold up to 20 kilograms, or three stones, of waste will encourage people to break the law.

Concern

"A few people have told us they disagree but others accept why we're doing this and that it only applies to very specific types of non-household waste."

Green Party co-ordinator Paul Woodhead has launched a petition calling on the county council to scrap the new charges, claiming they were introduced with no consultation and will shift cost onto district councils which will have to foot any bill to clean up fly-tipping in their area.

Councillor Woodhead, who represents Hednesford on Cannock Chase Council, said: "It is a real concern that this will cause fly-tipping which the district councils have to pick up.

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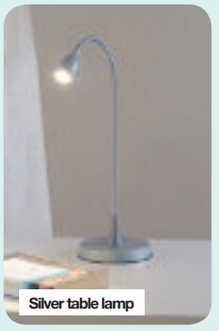

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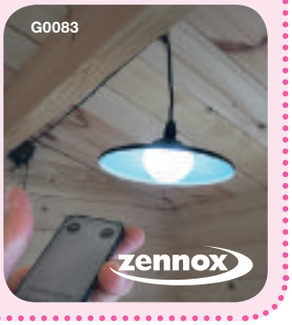

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Pub family raise a glass at launch

From left, Chris Jackson, Matt Ward, Cannock Camra chair Don Taylor, Kevin Ward and Jamie Ward

THREE brothers and their father are taking on a new challenge – running a micro pub in the heart of Cannock's latest new shopping development.

The Newhall Arms has officially opened as part of the multi-million pound Newhall retail development, thanks to brothers Matt, Chris and Jamie Ward, as well as their father Kevin.

The micro-pub craze is taking off around the country, and the family believe that they have found a gap in the market for drinkers in Cannock.

Matt, aged 29, from Shelfield, near Walsall, said: "There aren't many pubs doing real cask ales in Cannock, but we found out that there are 400 members of the Camra branch for the area, so we thought this was a golden opportunity.

"I think that is our unique selling point really – the quality of the beer we are going to sell.

"It is all about the storage and making sure the beer doesn't lose its quality before going to the glass, and we are on top of that.

"I think the 'micro pub' phrase is slightly misleading when it comes to this place, because it is bigger than you would think.

"We are really going for that old-fashioned vibe in here though, where people can enjoy a top-quality pint in good company, without food flying around everywhere and loads of screaming children to worry about."

The family also run The Ashmore pub in Ashmore Park, Wednesfield, but this is their first venture jointly owning a pub.

It is something that Matt says has been in the pipeline for a number of years.

He said: "We have been talking about this for 10 years, and to get to this point feels fantastic.

"We had a great opening day and are looking forward to many happy and successful years here."

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School expansion scheme unveiled

WEST Hill Primary School in Hednesford could be in line for an expansion after plans for new classrooms were submitted.

Staffordshire County Council wants to demolish an existing building and build a two-classroom extension on its High Mount Street site.

The plans are out for public consultation after Cannock Chase Council planning bosses, who were among those consulted, gave them the green light.

Mazer Aqbal, a development control manager at the district council, said:

West Hill Primary School

"The proposal is for a modest extension to an established school building.

"The location is logical and will have no impact on the amenity of neighbours.

"However, consideration should be given to the materials used on the proposed extension.

"Materials more reflective of the main building would be more appropriate in this instance."

The application has been submitted by Staffordshire County Council who want to expand the school to meet the growing demand of school places.

Need

It is hoped the school, which dates back to 1888, will be able to demolish its mobile classrooms and replace them with a permanent building.

A spokeswoman for West Hill Primary School said: "It is common sense with so many more houses being built we need to school the children."

Awesome oval from the sky

The geometric layout of Hednesford Hills Raceway *Picture by Steve Martin*

THIS stunning aerial image of Hednesford Hills Raceway has been captured by Steve Martin.

The image has been shared on a community Facebook page that has been set up to allow those from Hednesford, Chadsmoor and Cannock to reminisce and share snaps of the changing landscape. Built in 1952 on the site of a former reservoir, the raceway has more than 50 years of motorsport history, and is the fastest quarter-mile oval in Europe, thanks to its steeply banked turns.

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Don't be chicken at marvellous play

A scene from George's Marvellous Medicine by Road Dahl being performed by The Birmingham Stage Company

A STAGE version of George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl is coming to delight family audiences at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday (November 22) to December 3.

First published in 1981 George's Marvellous Medicine is one of Dahl's funniest stories, all about a young boy who makes a marvellous new medicine to cure his grandmother of her terrifying temper. But when his grandmother drinks his special potion the results are explosive!

Since 1992 The Birmingham Stage Company have produced more Dahl shows than any other company. Recent hits have also included Horrible Histories and the world premiere of Gangsta Granny by David Walliams.

George's Marvellous Medicine is adapted by David Wood, the UK's leading children's playwright. Ed Thorpe is in the title role with the part of Granny played by Deborah Vale whose twin sister, Tessa will play her 'daughter', George's Mum. Other roles are taken by Tom Eyklehof (as a feisty chicken) and Richard Mullins (Dad). Phil Clark directs.

BSC founder Neal Foster said: "We are delighted to be celebrating the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth with this special production." For tickets call 0844 871 3011 or visit atgtickets.com/Birmingham

Laura lives the dream

BIRMINGHAM supply teacher-turned-soul star Laura Mvula grew up in the suburbs of Selly Park and Kings Heath before her debut album Sing To The Moon catapulted her to fame.

She won two MOBO Awards, an Urban Music Award and was nominated for three BRITs, a Q Award and an Ivor Novello. It's an impressive haul for a humble, feet-on-the-ground performer, who will returns to her home city on Saturday to headline the O2 Institute.

In the summer Laura released her second album The Dreaming Room, played at Glastonbury and V Festivals and took part in the David Bowie Prom at London's Albert Hall.

She was classically trained at Birmingham Conservatoire and had little time to adjust to her new-found success and the fame it has brought.

"I'm not sure how natural a thing it is to exist so publicly as a human," she says.

Laura made her new record while experiencing a dark time of divorce and anxiety but says the process has helped her to grow as a person.

"Before, everything felt so ultimate to me. I've grown up a little bit, and by taking the music more seriously I take myself a bit less seriously, which is helpful."

The foundation song for her new album is the ballad Show Me Love.

"It's become the cornerstone of the record. There's an old church song we used to sing at funerals: It is Well With My Soul. When I listen to this music I feel whole. I feel so at home in myself."

Venues turn the clock back to 1979

BIG names from the New Wave and punk era have gigs coming up this weekend. John Lydon (formerly Johnny Rotten) brings PiL to the O2 Institute in Digbeth on Friday (November 18).

Liverpudlian rock icon Pete 'The Story of the Blues' Wylie brings his Mighty WAH! to the O2 Academy 3 venue on Saturday. Wylie recently released his first new album in 16 years, entitled Pete Sounds!

The Vapors, who had a hit with Turning Japanese in 1980, have reformed and have a gig at The Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on Saturday. Support comes from Wolverhampton '70s Mod Revival outfit The Circles.

Rep homage to a gay sporting icon

IN 1976 19 million watched Birmingham skater John Curry win Olympic gold for Britain in the men's figure skating at Innsbruck. He was BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

But unlike some Olympic heroes, Curry seems to have slipped out of the public consciousness since his AIDs-related death in 1994, at the age of 44. Now actor and writer Tony Timberlake aims to revive the reputation of the 'Nureyev of the Ice', a gay sporting icon, in his one-man show at Birmingham Rep's The Door venue, Looking For John, which opened last night (Wednesday) and continues until Saturday.

Getting heavy – we're ready to rock

IT'S a great week ahead for rockers with Kentucky's Black Stone Cherry in action at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Tuesday and then Yorkshire's reformed Terrorvision, fronted by Tony Wright, at the Wulfrun Hall on Wednesday.

Roger Taylor's official Queen Extravaganza, featuring Canadian singer Marc Martel in a line-up hand picked by Taylor and Brian May, has sold out Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Saturday night. That's the same night Irish rockers The Answer have filled the O2 Academy 2 and Chicago's SOiL play the O2 Institute. Aussies Airbourne play the Institute on Tuesday.

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Michael McIntyre

Michael McIntyre's Big Show (BBC1, 8.10pm)

New series. The lively comedian's family entertainment series returns, as Michael invites more stars to perform in front of a live audience at London's Theatre Royal on Drury Lane. For this first edition, chart-topping, Grammy-nominated singer Ellie Goulding performs, and the cast of Andrew Lloyd Webber's new West End production School of Rock also take to the stage. An unsuspecting member of the public is dragged into the limelight when they become the Unexpected Star of the Show, and Michael gets up to more mischief when Olly Murs hands over his smartphone in Celebrity Send to All.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live International Rugby Union. Wales v Japan (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** Children in Need – The Best Bits.

6.55 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly, Claudia Winkleman and the Strictly entourage head to Blackpool's world-famous Tower Ballroom, the spiritual home of dancing, for this week's edition. Over the years its elegant surroundings have been host to thousands of amateur and professional dancers – and tonight the tradition continues as the celebrity hoofers and their partners battle to get their names at the top of the leaderboard and avoid the fate of last week's eliminated couple. As they perform a mixture of routines, they'll be hoping to impress judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell, but they'll also need viewers' votes to keep them out of tomorrow's dance-off.

8.10 Michael McIntyre's Big Show. New series. The lively comedian's family entertainment series returns, as Michael invites more stars to perform in front of a live audience at London's Theatre Royal on Drury Lane. For this first edition, chart-topping, Grammy-nominated singer Ellie Goulding performs, and the cast of Andrew Lloyd Webber's new West End production School of Rock also take to the stage.

9.10 Casualty. Connie throws herself into her work to avoid contemplating the seriousness of Grace's condition, as the consultants agree to let her go home.

10.00 The National Lottery Live. The all-important winning Lotto and Thunderball numbers are revealed, as Alexander Armstrong joins Kate Garraway to do the honours and presses the button.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest matches; National Lottery Update.

12.00 Asian Provocateur: Mum's American Dream. **12.30** The NFL Show. **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Film: The Tuttles of Tahiti. (1942) **8.05 Film:** Letter from an Unknown Woman. (1948) **9.30** Joan Fontaine: Talking Pictures. (R) **10.00** Secret Britain. (R) **11.00** Natural World. (R) **12.00** The Good Cook. (R) **12.30** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **1.00** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **2.00** Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. **4.30** Live International Rugby Union. Scotland v Argentina (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.10 International Rugby Union. England v Fiji. Lee McKenzie presents highlights of the autumn international at Twickenham, where the hosts were trying to maintain their winning record over the Pacific Islanders. Eddie Jones' side suffered a number of injury withdrawals prior to this spate of matches, so Fiji may well have seen this as an ideal opportunity to claim a first win in seven attempts against England.

8.10 Coastal Path. Explorer Paul Rose takes in the North Cornish coast, touring Tintagel Castle, experiencing the hustle and bustle of Padstow's 'Obby 'Oss festival, and visiting St Ives.

8.40 Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon are assigned to guard a vital telephone line through the night, but wake to find an unexploded bomb caught in the wires. (R)

9.10 Sold! Inside the World's Biggest Auction House. Two-part documentary going behind the scenes at Christies, as the renowned London-based auction house marks its 250th anniversary. Charting a year in the life of the international institution, cameras record the highs and lows of life in the art business, from London to Dubai, via Hong Kong and New York.

10.10 Artsnight: What Has the Turner Prize Ever Done for Us? Waldemar Januszczak looks back over the past three decades since the establishment of the Turner Prize, as he explores the award's relevance to the arts in contemporary Britain.

10.45 Film: Boyz N the Hood. (1991) A teenager growing up in South Central Los Angeles with a domineering father struggles to resist the temptations of crime. Drama, with Cuba Gooding Jr.

12.30 Film: Dirty Pretty Things. (2002) **2.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Oddbods. (R) **7.25** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.30** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Looped. **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** Wild Australia with Ray Mears. (R) **11.50** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.50** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Cash Trapped. (R) **1.55** This Time Next Year. (R) **2.55** Big Star's Little Star. (R) **4.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **4.25** The Chase. (R) **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Marco Pierre White, Brooke Vincent, and Carl Fogarty take part in the arcade-style game show.

7.00 Meet the Parents. Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby, which puts the love lives of singletons in the hands of the people they know best – their mum and dad.

8.00 The X Factor. The live show phase continues, as the remaining contestants endure another round of tense performances, in which any mistake could cost them their place among the line-up. With November well and truly past the halfway point, and December on the horizon, thoughts will likely be dwelling on the imminent finals, which will decide whether one of the would-be stars will achieve their moment in the spotlight. As ever, Louis Walsh, Sharon Osbourne, Nicole Scherzinger and Simon Cowell take their seats at the judges desks, and Dermot O'Leary is on hand to offer moral support to the acts following their nerve-racking turns on the stage.

9.25 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge.

10.25 ITV News; Weather.

10.40 Film: American Gangster. (2007) Fact-based crime drama about 1970s drug kingpin Frank Lucas and the cop who tried to bring him down in the face of police corruption. Starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe.

1.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Gillette World Sport. **6.35** Motorbike Racing: Sunflower Trophy 2016. **7.35** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. **11.00** The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Deal or No Deal. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park and Ascot. **4.00** Jamie's Super Food. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 China: Between Clouds and Dreams. A courageous young mother finds out that a local factory has been releasing poisonous hydrogen cyanide, and four young journalists enter a competition to highlight the plight of the endangered spoon-billed sandpiper. On the Tibetan Plateau, novice monk Gama finds out how a huge open mine the size of the City of London threatens to contaminate China's Yellow River.

8.00 Britain at Low Tide. New series. Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands set out to document Britain's industrial and natural maritime history, using state-of-the-art technology to comb the nation's exposed coastlines during times of low tide. They first head out to the Northumbrian coastline, to investigate the tragic story of a French fishing trawler that was wrecked off shore in 1913.

9.00 Film: A Good Day to Die Hard. (2013) John McClane goes to Russia having received word that his estranged son Jack is in trouble with the law. He is surprised to discover Jack is secretly a CIA agent, and father and son join forces to take on the Russian Mob, who are engaged in a plot to steal nuclear weapons. Action adventure sequel, starring Bruce Willis, Jai Courtney and Mary Elizabeth Winstead.

11.00 The Rolling Stones: Ole Ole Ole! A Trip Across Latin America. Documentary following the Rolling Stones' tour in early 2016 through 10 Latin American cities, with live performances, intimate stories and personal insights into their tour life.

12.30 Film: Side Effects. (2013) **2.20** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.30** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. (R) **5.25** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.10** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.45** House Doctor. (R) **11.45 Film:** Married by Christmas. (2016) **1.30 Film:** Christmas Child. (2004) Premiere. Festive drama, starring William R Moses. **3.25 Film:** Christmas in Conway. (2013) Festive romantic drama, starring Andy Garcia. **5.20 Film:** The Christmas Spirit. (2013) Fantasy, starring Nicollette Sheridan.

7.10 NCIS. The team gets close to tracking down Paloma Reynosa, while the Mexican drug kingpin's brother tries to secure a deal involving her extradition. (R)

8.00 NCIS: New Orleans. Danielle Jarrett, a naval chef on shore leave, is severely injured by an explosion at her family's 100-year-old restaurant in New Orleans' French Quarter. The team quickly establishes the cause of the blast was a bomb, and discovers Danielle herself was the target of the attack. However, she is reluctant to help in the investigation, in order to protect a family secret. Meanwhile, in Washington, Brody's mission to identify the source of the leak that scuppered General Matthews' career is put to a halt by the FBI – until a charming Homeland Security agent saves her from interrogation and offers to share his resources. Naval crime drama, starring Zoe McLellan.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Derby County v Rotherham United at iPro Stadium, and Ipswich Town v Nottingham Forest.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the games in Leagues One and Two, including Bolton Wanderers v Millwall.

10.30 That's So 1982. A look at 1982, using news, pop and TV archive clips. It was the year of the Falklands War, Prince William's birth, the launch of Channel 4, and ET: The Extra-Terrestrial. (R)

11.30 Impractical Jokers UK. David, Matt, Lee and Paul play a round of "Touch the Stranger".

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** National Security. (2003) **4.40** Access. **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 India's Frontier Railways **8.00** Timeshift: Penny Blacks & Twopenny Blues: How Britain Got Stuck on Stamps **9.00** Deep Water **10.45** The Undiscovered Peter Cook **11.45** Neil Diamond: Electric Prom **12.50** Sings Neil Diamond **1.20** Top of the Pops: 1982 **1.55** John Denver: Country Boy **2.55** Country at the BBC **3.55** Close

ITV2

1.30 Film: The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35 Film:** The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (2004) **3.10 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **5.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.30 Film:** Jack and Jill (2011) **7.30** FYI Daily **7.35 Film:** Jack and Jill (2011) **8.25** Scorpion **9.25** The Xtra Factor **9.55** Family Guy **10.25** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.25** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad!

ITV3

11.20 FYI Daily **11.25 Film:** Black Beauty (1994) **12.05 Film:** Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind (1975) **1.45 Film:** The Queen (2006) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45 Film:** The Queen (2006) **3.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** A Touch of Frost **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Lewis **1.00** Wycliffe

ITV4

1.20 Film: The Man from the Alamo (1953) **2.20** FYI Daily **2.25 Film:** The Man from the Alamo (1953) **3.00 Film:** Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **4.00** FYI Daily **4.05 Film:** Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **5.15** Fishing Impossible **6.15** Storage Wars **7.15 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **9.00 Film:** Waterworld (1995) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Waterworld (1995) **11.35 Film:** First Blood (1982) **12.35** FYI Daily **12.40 Film:** First Blood (1982) **1.40** Car Crash Global

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2.30 Film: Scrooged (1988) **4.30** Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) **10.00** Gogglebox **11.05** Tattoo Fixers **12.10** Rude Tube **1.20** The Inbetweeners **2.25** Body Fixers **3.20** New Girl **4.00** The Mindy Project **4.45** Revenge

Film4

11.00 Winchester '73 (1950) **1.00** ParaNorman (2012) **2.50** Short Circuit 2 (1988) **5.05** Big (1988) **7.10** Just Married (2003) **9.00** Super 8 (2011) **11.15** I, Frankenstein (2014) **1.00** The Raid (2011) **3.10** Close

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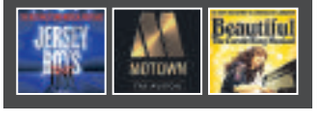

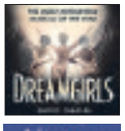

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Freddie Mercury

The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever? (Channel 5, 9pm)
Documentary made to mark the 25th anniversary of the Queen frontman's death, which explores two of the most important years in his life, from the band's iconic performance at the Live Aid concert in 1985 to his diagnosis with Aids in 1987. The programme examines his struggle to keep his private life out of the tabloids and to continue recording music in the face of his failing health. Featuring contributions from family and friends, including chauffeur and bodyguard Terry Giddings, who shares his account of the final years for the first time.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.15** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Songs of Praise. **2.05** Live Four Nations Rugby League. The final (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.45** Planet Earth II. (R) **5.45** BBC News.

6.05 Regional Programme.

6.15 Countryfile. Matt Baker meets young RSPB rangers in West Yorkshire, while Anita Rani talks to a local author inspired by the landscape and finds out about an award-winning halloumi cheese producer from Syria. Naomi Wilkinson discovers the challenges facing the fire brigade at Ogden Water, Adam Henson celebrates English wine, and Tom Heap reports on how sheep farming may soon be impossible in some parts of Britain.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show from the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Featuring performances from Rick Astley and Simple Minds.

8.00 Planet Earth II. Animals that live in jungles, including creatures that glow in the dark which have never been captured on film before, as well as freshwater dolphins and the largest living lemur.

9.00 My Mother and Other Strangers. Francis and Seamie get mixed up in eel-poaching when they join the Hanlons on a supposed fishing trip, and Michael's cold behaviour pushes Rose towards Dreyfuss.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the sole Premier League encounter of the day.

11.15 Sunny D. New series. Comedy, written by and starring Dane Baptiste as a frustrated 29-year-old still living with his parents. Dane dreads a party to celebrate his dad's 65th birthday.

11.35 Getting High for God? Part one of two. Mawaan Rizwan investigates the use of hallucinogenic by certain religions, beginning by travelling to Utah to spend time with the Oklevueha Native American Church.

12.05 Film: Once. (2006) **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** Glorious Gardens from Above. (R) **7.45** Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein. (R) **8.15** Carol Klein's Plant Odysseys. **8.45** Countryfile: A Remembrance Sunday Special. (R) **9.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.15** The Good Cook. (R) **11.45** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** International Rugby Union. (R) **2.00 Film:** Dial M for Murder. (1954) **3.45** Escape to the Continent. (R) **4.45** Heir Hunters. (R) **5.15** Flog It! (R)

6.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. Sue Barker presents coverage of the final at the O2 in London, where the showpiece event brings a conclusion to the ATP Tour for another season. Novak Djokovic continued his dominance over the men's game last year by securing this title with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Roger Federer, giving him a fifth victory overall and a fourth in succession. In fact, since 2003, only two men other than Djokovic and Federer have won this tournament, those being David Nalbandian in 2005, and Nikolay Davydenko in 2009.

9.00 Life and Death the Pentecostal Way. Documentary exploring Britain's fastest-growing Christian denomination, following the congregation and staff at one of the country's oldest black-majority Pentecostal churches.

10.00 Black Is the New Black. Black British people who have succeeded in their chosen field discuss the challenges they and others have had to overcome, including tokenism, self-censorship and lack of capital.

10.30 Frankie Boyle's US Election Autopsy. The comedian shares his thoughts on the US presidential election from London's Asylum Chapel.

11.10 QI XL. Sandi Toksvig invites Jason Manford, Sara Pascoe, Jeremy Clarkson and Alan Davies to answer questions on the subject of 'noble rot' in an extended edition of the panel show.

11.55 Film: 8 Minutes Idle. (2012) A lazy call centre employee is forced to secretly live in the office when his parents throw him out of the family home. Comedy, starring Tom Hughes and Antonia Thomas.

1.15 Sign Zone: Countryfile: A Remembrance Sunday Special. (R) **2.15** Holby City. (R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 Off Their Rockers. Louis Walsh is the victim of a prank when he finds something suspicious in his suitcase. Plus, Joan gets help with her Tinder profile and Tony gets buried on the beach.

7.00 The Next Great Magician. Stephen Mulhern and Rochelle Humes introduce another batch of acclaimed magic acts, with Illusionist Josephine Lee setting up an unsuspecting family and Laura London sharing a drink with some of the Coronation Street cast in the Rovers Return. Paul Vu displays his amazing Rubik's cube skills, Rob Zabrecky freaks out Jaymi Hensley, Jimmy Bullard and Michelle Heaton at a haunted house, and South Korea's Seol Park demonstrates his take on the traditional cups and balls trick.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary presents the results of last night's show, followed by a sing-off to determine which of the lowest scoring acts will be the next to leave the competition.

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Peston on Sunday. (R)

11.20 Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present.

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** Snowdonia Triathlon Festival. **7.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **7.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **7.55 Film:** Inspector Gadget. (1999) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** The Simpsons. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55 Film:** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader. (2010) Fantasy adventure, with Georgie Henley and Skandar Keynes. **5.05 Film:** The Aristocats. (1970)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 0 to 60mph: Britain's Fastest Kids. Documentary about three children on the professional go-kart racing circuit and the parents who support them through gruelling training and the pursuit of sponsorship deals as they work towards becoming Formula 1 drivers when they grow up. While two families are able to spend large sums of money on their children's ambitions, 10-year-old Fenn Chapman, who has found the sport useful in managing his autism, is unable to join a professional team and faces competitors with much higher budgets.

8.00 The Lost Lotus: Restoring a Race Car. Philip Glenister and Ant Anstead restore a 1950s Lotus Elite that was designed and built by Formula 1 engineer Colin Chapman as a prototype for the production models that followed. They plan to take it on to the track at Silverstone for the biggest classic car event of the year – even though this risks the vehicle being damaged before it can be sold at auction.

9.00 Humans. Mia and Ed's secret is discovered, Hester's influence creates conflict between Leo and Max, and the outcome of the trial looks bleak for Niska, until Laura calls a surprise witness.

10.00 Gogglebox. (R)

11.05 Film: Tower Heist. (2011) The manager of an apartment complex recruits a thief to steal back his friends' pension fund from a Wall Street fraudster. Crime comedy, starring Ben Stiller.

1.05 The Last Leg. (R) **2.00** Flying to the Ends of the Earth. (R) **2.55** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **3.50** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.45** The Common Denominator. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.25** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.50** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.00** Seaside Antics. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.20** Pip Ahoy! (R) **7.30** Little Princess. (R) **7.45** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **8.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** The Gadget Show. (R) **1.00 Film:** The Perfect Holiday. (2007) **2.50 Film:** Window Wonderland. (2013) Premiere. **4.30 Film:** A Puppy for Christmas. (2016) Premiere. Festive romantic comedy, starring Cindy Busby.

6.20 Film: The Christmas Note. (2015) Premiere. After moving back home before Christmas, a disillusioned woman finds a new purpose when she helps her neighbour look for a missing sibling. Drama, with Jamie-Lynn Sigler. Includes 5 News at 7.10pm.

8.00 Ice Road Truckers. A fight for survival begins when two rival companies pull a cat train over the frozen Hudson Bay. Disaster strikes as the ice cracks under the heavy load.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever? Documentary made to mark the 25th anniversary of the Queen frontman's death, which explores two of the most important years in his life, from the band's iconic performance at the Live Aid concert in 1985 to his diagnosis with Aids in 1987. The programme examines his struggle to keep his private life out of the tabloids and to continue recording music in the face of his failing health.

11.05 20 Moments That Rocked Pop. Countdown of significant performers, songs or occasions that impacted the genre, including 1985's global Live Aid event, which redefined how society donated to charity. (R)

12.35 That's So 1985. (R) **1.30** SuperCasino. **3.10** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **4.00** Tattoo Disasters UK. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car.

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Yehudi Menuhin at the BBC **8.00** Young, Gifted and Classical: The Making of a Maestro **9.00** Henry VIII's Enforcer: The Rise and Fall of Thomas Cromwell **10.00** Storyville: Executed by ISIS – The James Foley Story **11.25** Nature's Wonderlands: Islands of Evolution **12.25** Impact! A Horizon Guide to Plane Crashes **1.25** Beautiful Equations **2.25** Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom

ITV2

12.45 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **1.45 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **2.45** FYI Daily **2.50 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **4.00 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05 Film:** Yogi Bear (2010) **5.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.40 Film:** The Mummy (1999) **7.40** FYI Daily **7.45 Film:** The Mummy (1999) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.00** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **1.25** The Cleveland Show **2.15** The Hot Desk: Vicky Pattison

ITV3

12.25 A Touch of Frost **2.25 Film:** Columbo: Playback (1975) **4.00 Film:** Forever Young (1992) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05 Film:** Forever Young (1992) **6.05** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Mother's Son **12.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.00** May the Best House Win **3.45** Murder, She Wrote **4.35** Wycliffe **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

1.00 Pawn Stars **3.55 Film:** Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00 Film:** Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **6.10 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **7.10** FYI Daily **7.15 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** The Keeper (2009) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** The Keeper (2009) **11.00 Film:** Ransom (1996) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Ransom (1996) **1.20** Fishing Impossible **2.25** The Car Chasers

E4

1.00 Film: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) **3.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.30** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Unknown (2011) **11.20** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.25** The Inbetweeners **1.35** Crazyhead **2.40** New Girl **3.25** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 The Colditz Story (1954) **1.00** Dear John (2010) **3.10** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **4.50** The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959) **6.35** Snow White & the Huntsman (2012) **9.00** 47 Ronin (2013) **11.15** Machete Kills (2013) **1.25** Micmacs (2009) **3.35** Close

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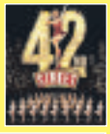

THE GIRLS is the true story of the Yorkshire CALENDAR GIRLS, a group of ordinary ladies who achieved something extraordinary. This new musical comedy has brought together the writing talents of Gary Barlow and Tim Firth who grew up in the same village in the North of England and have been friends for 25 years.

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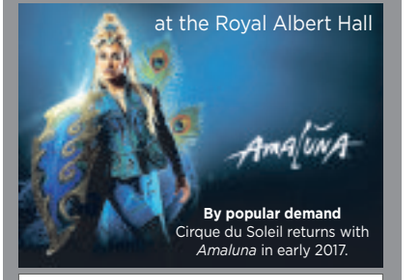

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
From Hell, Channel 5, 11.05pm
A detective tries to use his opium-triggered visions to put an end to Jack the Ripper's reign of terror over 19th-century London. But in the course of his investigation, he uncovers a sinister conspiracy that reaches the highest levels of Victorian society. Mystery thriller, based on Alan Moore's comic book series, starring Johnny Depp, Heather Graham, Ian Holm and Robbie Coltrane. (2001)

TUESDAY
Little Voice, BBC1, 11.50pm
A painfully shy woman has a talent for impersonating famous performers including Shirley Bassey, Marilyn Monroe and Judy Garland. She is spotted by a greedy promoter who instinctively realises her considerable money-spinning potential, but the shrinking violet proves reluctant to step into the limelight. Comedy drama, with Jane Horrocks, Michael Caine, Brenda Blethyn, Ewan McGregor and Jim Broadbent. (1998)

The Box, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.45pm

WEDNESDAY
The Box, BBC1, 11.45pm
A couple are given a mysterious wooden box with a button on it and told that if they press it, they will be given a million dollars but that someone somewhere in the world will die. After pressing the button, they fear they may be the next victim when the box is passed on, and try to find out how and why this is happening. Sci-fi thriller, with Cameron Diaz. (2009)

THURSDAY
The Christmas Note, Channel 5, 3.15pm
After moving back home just before Christmas, a disillusioned woman finds a new purpose when she helps her neighbour look for a missing sibling. Drama based on the novel by Donna VanLiere, starring Jamie-Lynn Sigler and Greg Vaughan. (2015)

FRIDAY
Carry On at Your Convenience, ITV, 11.15pm
Production at toilet manufacturers WC Boggs is brought to a halt when an over-eager trade union representative calls a strike. However, worker unrest is quickly quelled by a jolly trip to the seaside. Comedy, starring Sid James. (1971)

Danny's family tree is far from a Dyer affair

An "extraordinary range of incredible stories". The words of executive producer Colette Flight ahead of this 13th series of the genealogy documentary in which 10 more celebrities embark journeys of discovery deep into their families' past.

"Who Do You Think You Are? is back with another brilliant line-up of much-loved stars, uncovering hidden history by bringing their ancestors to life," she adds.

"As we follow our celebrities on their personal journey into their family trees, an extraordinary range of incredible stories are revealed, sometimes tragic, sometimes funny, but always compelling."

This new run will span almost 1000 years of history and there will heartbreak and laughter, intrigue and surprise, as each famous face discovers a cast of remarkable ancestors, including freedom fighters and criminals, war heroes and bigamists.

The series will see a fair few extraordinary firsts as it travels to new territories, exploring how our celebrities' ancestors were caught up in slavery-era Martinique, the birth of Bangladesh, the invention of the weekend, the first pineapples in Britain and the perils of life in working-class Liverpool.

Britain's Got Talent judge Amanda Holden's investigation brings to light an extraordinary Napoleonic-era cross-channel romance and the forgotten tragedy of Britain's worst ever maritime disaster.

Meanwhile, former Girls Aloud member and X Factor judge Cheryl's journey is one of equal contrasts, as she discovers the story of her long and forgotten great grandfather – a quintessential Tommy in the First World War who survived one of the conflict's key battles.

Also investigating their heritage will be film and stage star Sir Ian McKellen, news presenter Sophie Raworth, The Royle Family actor Ricky Tomlinson, Star Wars and Harry Potter actor Warwick Davis, Countrywise presenter Liz Bonnin, The Inbetweeners actor and comedian Greg Davies and Casualty actress Sunetra Sarker.

But it all begins tonight with EastEnders actor Danny Dyer.

Danny, who now lives in Debden, Epping Forest, was raised in Canning Town and began his acting career as a 16-year-old after being spotted at school and landing a role in Prime Suspect 3.

The actor then found fame in films including Football Factory and Human Traffic before presenting The Real Football Factories and Danny Dyer's Deadliest Men.

In 2013, he signed up for a long-term role as Mick Carter in EastEnders and went on to win the Serial Drama Performance award at the National Television Awards in 2015 and 2016.

When he first agreed to doing Who Do You Think You Are?, the 39-year-old said he hoped his family history will 'freak a few people out.'

However, he perhaps gets more than he bargained for on his journey.

As he traces his family from poverty and crime in the East End back through to the 11th century, Danny also discovers he has an incredible connection to nobility.

Danny Dyer features, Who Do You Think You Are?, Thursday, BBC1, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Back in Time for Brixton
BBC2, 9pm
Part one of two. The Irwins experience 50 years of black British history, discovering how post-war Caribbean immigration transformed the way of life in the UK. The first edition sees them learn what life was like for arrivals coming to Britain in the 1950s and '60s, with presenter Giles Coren and social historian Emma Dabiri introducing them to their new homes and the family sampling the food, work and entertainment of first-generation West Indian immigrants in Brixton.

TUESDAY
The Martin Lewis Money Show
ITV, 8pm
The financial journalist kicks off a new series with an hour-long special set in front of an audience at a London dockside warehouse. With the help of co-presenters Saira Khan and Ranvir Singh, he will attempt to save consumers money on their energy bills. The trio look at where to find the best deals, and how to get the right tariff so that you pay for what you actually use. Plus they share tips on making changes around your home that can save you hundreds of pounds and choosing the right energy-efficient appliances. Throughout the show, viewers are invited to get in touch via social media and email to talk about their own switching stories. As well as their in-depth guide to utility bills, the team will also be making their predictions for the upcoming Black Friday discounts.

WEDNESDAY
This Time Next Year
ITV, 8pm
Davina McCall meets Karen Jackson, a 40-year-old nurse from Brighton who aims to lose half her body weight so she can finally have IVF treatment. Elsewhere, Linda Ralph, 68, from East Sussex, is hoping to be reunited with her old friend Maria who she's not seen for 50 years after they met in teacher training college. Also on the show is 21-year-old Rhys Jones. After contracting hemiplegic encephalitis as a toddler, Rhys was told he may never walk, but as defied all expectations and was hoping to qualify for Team GB at the Rio Paralympics and win a medal. There is also a district nurse who is hoping she can lose weight and fit back into her biking leathers, and an army medic and mum of three who is undergoing a leg amputation.

The Martin Lewis Money Show, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

THURSDAY
Close to the Enemy
BBC2, 9pm
The search for Lotte sees everyone put aside their differences, while Callum is forced to make a difficult choice between his brother and the orders from his superiors. Believing he is free to both protect and prosecute the Germans as he sees fit, he eventually brings Kathy some information about scientists who have been taken to safe houses – and the two of them work together to prevent someone of importance from leaving the country. Meanwhile, enchanting American Rachel is encouraged by her husband to get closer to Callum. Stephen Poliakoff drama, starring Jim Sturgess, Phoebe Fox and Charlotte Riley.

FRIDAY
Unreported World
Channel 4, 7.30pm
Millions of schoolgirls across Africa are being manipulated, threatened and sexually abused by those who are supposed to be looking after them - their teachers. Kiki King visits Mozambique to investigate the disturbing phenomenon known as 'sex for grades', where teachers force their female pupils to have sex with them in return for better grades – or even their deserved grades. As King discovers, the Mozambican Ministry of Education has found that 70 per cent of schoolgirls are either facing this kind of harassment or witnessing it. Last in the series.

Alan Carr's Happy Hour
Channel 4, 8pm
Friday nights with Alan Carr used to mean his talk show Chatty Man, where the celebrities could call in for a post-watershed drink and a natter. But now he's moving to the earlier time of 8pm for his brand new series, which effectively gives him the chance to organise his own club night. Although there will still be celebrity interviews, there will also be stand-up comedy, live music and variety acts, all filmed in front of a specially invited studio. Channel 4 is promising us that it's the best Friday night out you can have without leaving the house – although despite the title, it seems that earlier timeslot means that the booze probably won't be flowing quite as freely as it did on Chatty Man.

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Codeword

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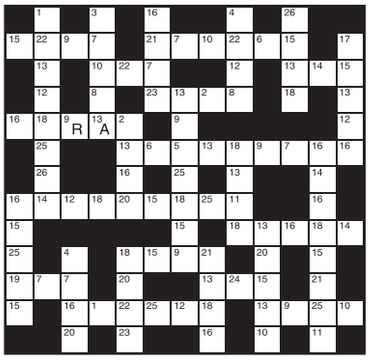

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

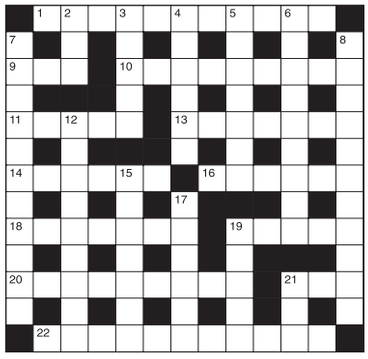
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Support for any blooming thing! (6-5)
9 & 19Dn. The power to observe is certainly embodied in the rowing crew (8)
10. Feathers correctly described in plain words (9)
11. A piece of material is left (5)
13. Wouldn't accept rubbish near the top of the dump (7)
14. Offensive encroachment in the motorway (6)
16. Broken tea-set - that's what's left! (6)
18. What drug addicts and snooker players do! (2,2,3)
19. Bundle of papers sorted out by Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (5)
20. On the subject of observing (9)
21. Sailor seen lying on the road (3)
22. No capital can be made out of short note (5,6)

Down

2. Shelter for fish on return (3)
3. Firmly fix the western boundary (5)
4. Part of the sideboard is put up as prize (6)
5. Customs levies for restaurant charges (7)
6. Supporter is not on time to pass a bill (9)
7. Their efforts prove to be appealing, we hear! (4-7)
8. Scrutinises the class and decides on the winner (7,4)
12. Plan to put stone under rocky beds (9)
15. When father returns with unusual pearl, it's put on (7)
17. A fabric - just as you choose (2,4)
19. See 9 Across
21. An obligation to draw the match (3)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Charitable gift (11)
9. Untruth (3)
10. Take to pieces (9)
11. Dissertation (5)
13. Strain (7)
14. Musician (6)
16. Sea god (6)
18. Aerodrome (3,4)
19. Danger (5)
20. Instantaneous (9)
21. Idiot (3)
22. Countercharge (11)

Down

2. Before (3)
3. Senior (5)
4. Property (6)
5. Coach (7)
6. Clothier (9)
7. Mania for stealing (11)
8. Nonsensical (11)
12. List of entertainments (9)
15. Calumny (7)
17. Deprive of wind (6)
19. Smarten (5)
21. Deed (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pupa; 3 Mortised; 9 Serious; 10 Exact; 11 Disagreement; 13 Tablet; 15 Amoral; 17 United States; 20 Alien; 21 Earache; 22 Disperse; 23 Isis. Down: 1 Postdate; 2 Paris; 4 Ousted; 5 Thermometers; 6 Stainer; 7 Duty; 8 Long sentence; 12 Plasters; 14 Bandits; 16 Adders; 18 Tacks; 19 Yard.
QUICK - Across: 1 Copy; 3 Assessed; 9 Provoke; 10 Tense; 11 Individually; 13 Untold; 15 Hasten; 17 Conservative; 20 Amble; 21 Secrete; 22 Greeting; 23 Plot. Down: 1 Captious; 2 Proud; 4 Steady; 5 Extravagance; 6 Singlet; 7 Deep; 8 Convalescent; 12 Indecent; 14 Trouble; 16 Prison; 18 Ideal; 19 Gang.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Who wrote Catch-22 in 1961?
2. In which city did Mikhail Baryshnikov defect?
3. Who was Monty Python's animator?
4. In which TV series did Elizabeth Montgomery star?
5. What is the female equivalent of the Oedipus complex called?
6. Of which county is Lifford the county town?
7. Which film star was born Joseph Levitch?
8. To what did Nyasaland change its name in 1964?
9. Who composed In a Summer Garden in 1908?
10. Which philanthropic society was founded by US lawyer Paul Harris in 1905?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Mother Teresa; 2 Tofu;

3 Lake Garda; 4 Brandy; 5 Sahara;

6 Republican Party; 7 Pears; 8 Tomato;

9 James Clark Ross; 10 Manchester.

Niner: LIGATURES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

12354 gives a medicine,
68971 gives a second medicine,
87964396 gives a third medicine.

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The beautiful village of Locronan

Teeing off for a morning's golf

The swimming pool is ideal for play or relaxing

The perfect backdrop for wedding pictures

Just the two of us – and making even more memories to treasure

IT'S not the first time we've been to France and it most certainly won't be the last.

Years of travelling there every year when our children were growing up always brings back happy memories.

Now they are grown up with families of their own it was our turn to try out this wonderful country, just the two of us. And despite the troubles it has had to endure recently, holidaymakers should not be put off this lovely country.

We sampled the delights of driving there – no jams like our congested M6 and M5 but wide roads and no traffic queues – but much more importantly, lovely beaches and superb campsites, none more so than the Castels site we stayed at Quimper, Domaine de l'Orangerie de Lanniron.

The is a site on a stately scale and I knew as we drove down the tree-lined boulevard to the reception this was going to be good. After a quick check-in from the friendly girls, they pointed the way to our lovely lodge, which was well equipped with verandah and loungers included. The site has everything you could wish for and being a golf beginner I was thrilled to see the nine-hole course.

Sue Attwater enjoys a visit to France

I get ribbed at work for mentioning the four letter word G O L F but I just have to say this was a lovely course in superb condition. I'd better leave it there! Of course for the non-golfer there are so many other facilities, a swimming pool with slides and flumes, tennis, petanque, children's facilities and entertainment and a restaurant and bar overlooking the pool where we enjoyed live music.

Class

Castels sites seem to have that extra touch of class. This historic site with its beautiful grounds and orangerie which is regularly used for wedding is outstanding. Just to walk round the gardens is enchanting. We did that on our first afternoon there and gatecrashed a wedding with the marquee down by the river – a lovely setting.

The weather was a little mixed at first but soon brightened up. The mornings there are often cooler so are ideal for sightseeing, relaxing by the pool or on the golf course later in the day.

The site is near so many lovely places to visit. Quimper itself – it is possible to walk in from the site in about 30 minutes – with its amazing cathedral; Concarneau and Beg Meil, a lovely little beach resort; and lots of towns with great markets, like Benodet and Port L'Abbe, where there are craft products on sale, some quite expensive, but there are bargains to be had. Also close by is Locronan, one of the most beautiful villages in France.

The locals are very proud of their area. When we arrived at the we were greeted in Brittany by a young man who handed out a welcome pack including area info and some local produce. A lovely gesture that made us feel right at home.

Our journey across from Plymouth to Roscoff had already set us up for a relaxing time. The overnight ferry was superb and the cabin had its own TV and en suite so you could arrive refreshed. I have never travelled overnight before and would definitely recommend it.

The service with Brittany Ferries was very efficient, on and off the boat and with no fuss, except when my husband forgot to take the alarm off our motor and had to return to the car deck.

It was a short drive from the ferry port to the site– about one a a half hours – and a lovely surprise when we got there. So thanks, France, for more happy memories of a different kind.

FACTFILE

Created in 1959 Les Castels is a collection of 38 four and five star camping sites across France and is the leading provider of glamping sites. Visit http://www.camping-castels.co.uk

The ferries were booked through www.Aferry.co.uk which features real-time comparison technology for ferries. This handy site covers more than 1,800 routes around the world from over 140 ferry companies.

Brittany Ferries operates routes from Portsmouth, Poole and Plymouth to the French ports of Le Havre, Caen, Cherbourg, St Malo and Roscoff. Fares start from £79pp each way, based on a car and two passengers. Go to brittany ferries.com or on 0330 159 7000.

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Holder Drive
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•Lounge & Dining Room•Conservatory & Study

£430,000 EPC=D

Hednesford New

View Street
•Detached House•Four Bedrooms
•Double Entry Drive•Very Well Presented

£295,000 EPC=D

Churchbridge

Lucas Rise
•Executive Detached•Lounge & Dining Room
•Luxury Breakfast Kitchen•Four Bedrooms

£265,000 EPC=B

Wimblebury

Waterlily Close
•Detached Family Home•Two Reception Rooms
•Study•Four Bedrooms & Ensuite

£260,000 EPC=D

Wimblebury New Price

Waterlily Close
•Detached House•Very Well Presented
•Four Bedrooms•Ensuite to the Master

£255,000 EPC=C

Cannock

Stoney Croft
•Detached Bungalow•Sought After Area
•Three Bedrooms•Wet Room

£230,000 EPC=D

Wimblebury

Haymaker Way
•Modern Detached•Spacious Lounge
•Kitchen/Dining Room•Conservatory & Guest WC

£229,995 EPC=C

Cannock

Pye Green Road
•Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
•Kitchen & Utility Room•Family Room

£190,000 EPC=D

Cannock

Girton Road
•Extended Semi Detached•Three Reception Rooms
•Kitchen & Laundry Room•Four Bedrooms

£184,950 EPC=C

Cannock

Grasmere Place
•Semi Detached Bungalow•Lounge & Conservatory
•Kitchen & Lean to•One Bedroom

£117,500 EPC=D

Cannock

Johnson Road
•Semi Detached Bungalow•Two Bedrooms
•Lounge & Kitchen•Conservatory

£129,995 EPC=E

Cannock New

Ascot Drive
•Semi Detached House•Three Bedrooms
•Guest WC & Lobby•Lounge & Kitchen

£159,995 EPC=TBA

Cannock New

Common Lane
•Modern Semi Detached•Three Bedrooms
•Off Road Parking•Rear Garden

£149,995 EPC=C

Hednesford New

Greenheath Road
•End Terraced House•Fully Modernised
•Two Reception rooms•Garage & Parking

£142,500 EPC=E

Hazelslade New

Hazel Drive
•Link Detached House•Village Location
•Four Bedrooms•Garage & Carport

£215,000 EPC=C

Cannock

Newhall Street
•Semi Detached House•Town Centre Location
•Three Bedrooms•Kitchen & Utility

£139,995 EPC=E

Hednesford

High Mount Street
•Traditional Semi Detached•Lounge & Dining Room
•Kitchen & Utility•Two Bedrooms & Bathroom

£130,000 EPC=E

Rugeley New

Hereford Way
•Executive Detached•Two Reception Rooms
•Spacious Kitchen/Diner•Four Bedrooms

£265,000 EPC=C

Brownhills New

Cape Close
•Mid Terraced House•Three Bedrooms
•Through Lounge/Diner•Modern Kitchen

£129,950 EPC=C

Cannock No Chain

Newhall Street
•Town Centre Location•Traditional Terraced
•Lounge & Dining Room•Kitchen & Cellar

£127,000 EPC=E

Cannock

Huntington Terrace Road
•Modern Starter Home•Modern Kitchen
•Spacious Lounge•Two Bedrooms

£125,000 EPC=C

Cannock New

John Street
•Ideal First Time Buy•End Terrace House
•Two Reception Rooms•Two Bedrooms

£125,000 EPC=D

Great Wyrley

Walsall Road
•Traditional End Terrace•Two Double Bedrooms
•Two Reception Rooms•Upstairs Bathroom

£125,000 EPC=D

Huntington

Ashdale Close
•Modern Terraced House•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Two Bedrooms•Allocated Parking

£115,000 EPC=E

Cannock New

Poplar Avenue
•Semi Detached House•Three Bedrooms
•Lounge/Diner•Large Garden

£115,000 EPC=TBA

Hednesford No Chain

Mcghie Street
•First Floor Apartment•One Double Bedroom
•Good Sized Lounge•Kitchen & Bathroom

£85,000 EPC=D

Burntwood

Leafenden Avenue
•End Terraced House•Lounge & Kitchen
•Three Bedrooms•Bathroom

£125,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes No Chain

Sparrowhawk Way
•Three Storey Property•Three Bedrooms
•Conservatory•Driveway & Garage

£179,950 EPC=D

Hednesford New Price

Raven Close
•Semi Detached House•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Three Bedrooms & Bathroom•Garage & Utility

£150,000 EPC=E

Wedges Mills

Hall Meadow
•End Terraced House•Lounge & Conservatory
•Kitchen & Dining Area•Three Bedrooms

£135,000 EPC=D

Cannock

Moreton Street
•Detached Bungalow•Three Bedrooms
•Kitchen & Guest WC•Conservatory

£175,000 EPC=D

Cannock No Chain

Albert Street
•Semi Detached House•Very Well Presented
•Three Bedrooms•Luxury Kitchen

£147,500 EPC=E

Cannock

Hednesford Road
•Extended Semi Detached•2 Reception Rooms
•Kitchen & Guest WC•Three Bedrooms

£134,995 EPC=E

Heath Hayes

Meadow Way
•Modern Detached House•Sought After Location
•Four/Five Bedrooms•Conservatory

£240,000 EPC=C

Heath Hayes New

Hudson Close
•Detached family home•Kitchen/ Family Area
•Four Bedrooms•Ensuite & Garage

£285,000 EPC=D

Cannock

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•Kitchen & Bathroom•Three Bedrooms

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- EPC - D

£360,000

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- Exquisite Detached Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Stunning Dining Kitchen
- Comprehensively Improved
- Spacious Accommodation
- EPC - D

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- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Garage
- No Upward Chain

Offers Over £300,000

Red Lion Lane, Norton Canes

- Immaculate Four Bed
- Detached Outbuilding
- Ensuite and Family Bathroom
- Stunning Kitchen Diner
- Utility and Downstairs WC
- Secure Parking at Rear

£270,000

Meriden Close, Cannock

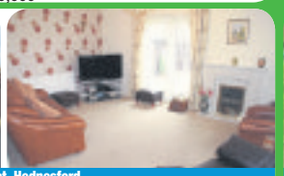
- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

£267,500

Hatton Road, Cannock

- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Very Popular Location
- Carport & Garage
- Downstairs WC
- Lounge & Dining Room

£260,000



George Street, Hednesford

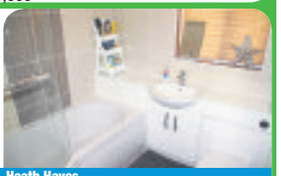
- Impressive Corner Plot
- Two Bed Detached Bungalow
- Double Garage
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Landscaped Gardens
- No Upward Chain

£235,000

Bideford Way, Cannock

- Family Lounge-Diner
- Stylish Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Impressive Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Block Paved Front
- Rear Garden

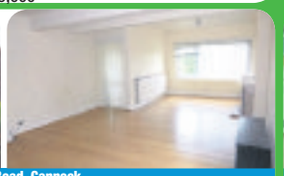
£170,000



Mill Crescent, Heath Hayes

- Three Bed Semi
- Rear Facing Lounge/Diner
- Converted Garage
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Popular Location

£169,995



Littleworth Road, Cannock

- Charming Detached Home
- Development Potential
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas C/H & Double Glazing
- Garage and Rural Aspect
- (EPC - E) No Chain

£167,500

Glenthorne Drive, Cheslyn Hay

- Very Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen / Diner
- Utility Room
- Rear Facing Lounge
- Landscapped Rear Garden
- Highly Motivated Seller

£160,000

Stafford Lane, Hednesford

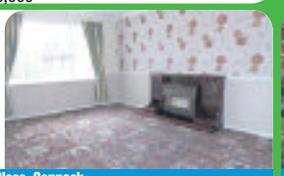
- Extended Semi - Detached
- 2/3 Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Concrete Impression Drive
- DOWNSTAIRS & UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- EPC - TBC

£157,500

Carlisle Road, Cannock

- Three Bedroom Semi
- Living Room & Guest WC
- Kitchen & Dining Area
- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No Upward Chain

£145,000



Wordsworth Close, Cannock

- Semi - Detached Bungalow
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge / Diner
- Small Cul-de-sac
- Driveway
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- No Chain
- EPC - C

£125,000

Chase Walk, Huntington

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Living Room
- Secure Off Road Parking
- Gas Combi Central Heating
- Fully Upvc Double Glazed
- Recently Rewired
- No Upward Chain

£110,000

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Rose Cottage, Lichfield

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- Fully fitted kitchen
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- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Lovely views

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TO LET

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- Family home
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- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage

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TO LET

Teddesley Way, Huntington

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- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom

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TO LET

Gorsey Lane, Cannock

- Victorian end terarrace
- Lounge with feature fire place
- Dining room
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- garden

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TO LET

Park Road, Cannock

- First Floor Apartment
- Reception Hallway
- Fitted kitchen
- Spacious Living Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom

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TWO BEDROOMS	EPC B

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PARK HOME	BATHROOM
THREE BEDROOMS	FITTED KITCHEN
'L'SHAPED LOUNGE/DINER	FRONT REAR AND SIDE GARDENS

Scott Street, Cannock

Offers Around £69,000

FIRST FLOOR FLAT	COMMUNAL GARDENS
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
ONE BEDROOM	EPC C

Earlswood Way, Cannock

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SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT	SHOWER ROOM
LOUNGE WITH BALCONY	TWO BEDROOMS
OVER 55'S DEVELOPMENT	EPC C

Dorney Place, Cannock

NEW

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GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT	COMMUNAL GARDENS
ALLOCATED PARKING	LOUNGE, KITCHEN
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC C

Anson Road, Great Wyrley

NEW

Offers Around £110,000

TERRACED PROPERTY	REAR GARDEN
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC E

Acorn Mews, Willenhall

Offers Around £110,000

GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT	ALLOCATED PARKING
BATHROOM	LOUNGE / KITCHEN AREA
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC C

Gorsemoor Road, Cannock

Offers Around £119,000

Mid Terrace Property	In Sellers Incentive Scheme
Rear Garden	Lunge/Dining Room
Two Bedrooms, Nursery	EPC D

Commonside,Brownhills

Offers Around £120,000

END TERRACE PROPERTY	GARAGE
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC E

Hampton Street, Cannock

Offers Over £130,000

SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSION
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
TWO BEDROOMS	EPC E

Belt Road, Hednesford

Offers Around £140,000

SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	GARAGE
NO CHAIN	LOUNGE/DINER
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC D

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Offers Around £140,000

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Offers Around £200,000

DETACHED PROPERTY	UTILITY ROOM
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
FOUR BEDROOMS	EPC D

Church Road, Norton Canes

NEW

Offers Around £175,000

SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY	REAR GARDEN
KITCHEN	LOUNGE, DINING ROOM
THREE BEDROOMS	EPC F

Foxleigh Meadows, Handsacre

Offers Around £225,000

DETACHED PROPERTY	NO CHAIN
SELLERS INCENTIVE SCHEME	TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
FOUR BEDROOMS	EPC D

Chancery Drive, Hednesford

Offers Over £240,000

DETACHED PROPERTY	CONSERVATORY
KITCHEN	LOUNGE
FIVE BEDROOMS	EPC D

Chestnut Close, Handsacre

NEW

Offers Around £250,000

DETACHED PROPERTY	GARAGE
CONSERVATORY	LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
FOUR BEDROOMS	EPC C

Wood Lane, Hednesford

Offers Around £325,000

UNIQUE CHARACTER PROPERTY	DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE
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FIVE BEDROOMS	EPC F

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CONSERVATORY	LOUNGE
SIX BEDROOMS	EPC D

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£179,995

NO ONWARD CHAIN

CHASETOWN

Manor Rise

A well presented three bedroom mid town house, GCH, DG, porch, guest W.C, lounge, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, rear garden, no onward chain.

£129,995

NO ONWARD CHAIN

NORTON CANES

Wallace Close

A well appointed three bedroom detached property offered with no onward chain. GCH, DG, porch, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garden, garage.

£175,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

CHASE TERRACE

Princess Street

A well presented and upgraded three double bedroom traditional detached family home, New GCH, DG, entrance hallway, spacious lounge, Refitted open plan kitchen, dining/sitting room, downstairs bathroom, conservatory, driveway, rear garden, must be viewed.

£189,950

NO ONWARD CHAIN

CHASE TERRACE

Hollygrove Lane

• A beautifully maintained and spacious 2 bedroom link detached bungalow. GCH, DG, hall. spacious lounge/dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, rear garden, garage & parking.

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BURNTWOOD

Queens Courrt

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£89,950

NO ONWARD CHAIN

CHASE TERRACE

High Street

• A beautifully presented two double bedroom, extended semi-detached property offered with no onward chain. GCH, DG, two reception rooms, extended breakfast kitchen, bathroom & rear garden.

£119,000

NEW

NORTON CANES

Wallace Close

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£179,950

PARKING TO FORE

NORTON CANES

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A two bedroom semi-detached property. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden, parking to fore. NO DSS/smokers or pets, £650 Deposit.

£550 PCM

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CHASETOWN

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A one bedroom second floor flat, E7 heating, D/Glazing, open plan lounge/kitchen, bathroom, rent includes the electric & water. No pets/smokers or DSS, £450 Deposit.

£350 PCM

THREE BEDS

NORTON CANES

Red Lion Crescent

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£575 PCM

THREE BEDS

WIMBLEBURY

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THREE BEDS

WIMBLEBURY

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• A 3 double bedroom, double fronted semi-detached house. GCH, DG, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, no pets/smokers or DSS £795 deposit.

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BURNTWOOD

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- Generous Driveway
- EPC = C

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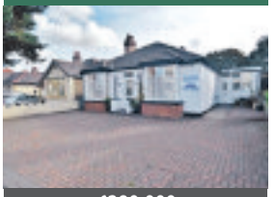
Wolverhampton Road Cannock

£80,000

- Second Floor Apartment
- Easy Reach to Cannock Centre
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Stylish Refitted Kitchen
- Storage Heaters & Double Glazing
- EPC = E

High Street Chasetown



£290,000

- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Impressive Lounge Diner
- Shower Room and Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended
- EPC = TBC

South Close Cannock

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Pleasant Cul De Sac Location
- Easy Reach to Cannock Centre
- Lounge Diner
- No Chain & Must Be Viewed
- EPC = E

Offers Around £245,000

Chaseley Croft Shoal Hill

£329,950

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Sought After Locality
- Sitting Room & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Double Garage
- EPC=TBC

Park Road Bloxwich

£89,950

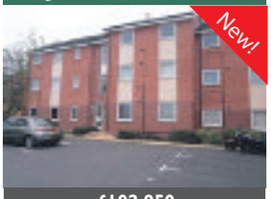
- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Close to Bloxwich High Street
- Lounge & Kitchen with Dining Area
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- EPC = D

Oxford Road Cannock

£105,000

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- In Need of Some Renovation
- Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
- Double Glazing & Central Heating
- Driveway & Garage
- EPC = D

Dorney Place Bridgtown



£102,950

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge Diner & Fitted Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
- Double glazing & Storage Heaters
- Ideal Investment
- EPC =TBC

Mary Street Hednesford

£175,000

- Extended Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs Shower
- Ground Floor Study/Playroom
- Driveway & Enclosed Rear Garden
- EPC = D

Sweetbriar Way Wimblebury

£165,000

- Three Bedroom End Terrace
- Living Room with Dining Area
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- Front & Rear Gardens
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- EPC = TBA

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Wolverhampton Road Cannock

£275,000

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- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- EPC = D

Huntington Terrace Road Chadsmoor

£115,000

- Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Guest WC & Upstairs Bathroom
- Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = C

Church Street Bridgtown

£119,950

- Traditional Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen &
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor WC
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- EPC = D

Lakeside Boulevard Bridgtown

£104,950

- New Build Coach House Apartment
- Well Presented Throughout
- Entrance Hall & Open Plan Lounge
- One Double Bedroom & Bathroom
- Garage & Allocated Parking
- EPC = B

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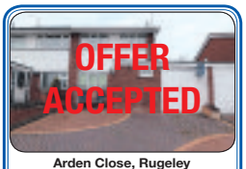

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- Ground floor WC
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- Workshop/Utility

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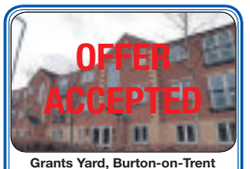

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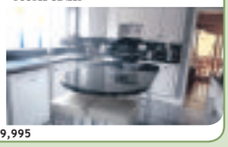

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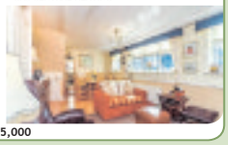

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- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Gardens, Parking
- Det.Double Garage

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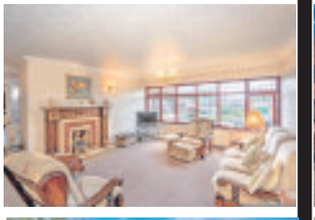

- Executive Det. Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom, En-Suite
- Refitted Kitchen/diner
- Generous Lounge/Diner
- Double Garage, Driveway
- Landscaped Gardens
- NO CHAIN

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BURNTWOOD
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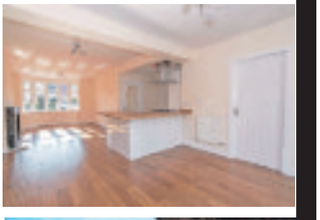
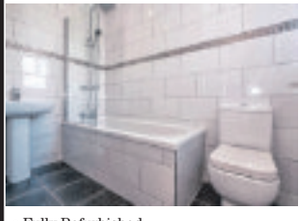

- Fully Refurbished
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- Wooden Frame Porch
- Through Hallway
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- Family Bathroom

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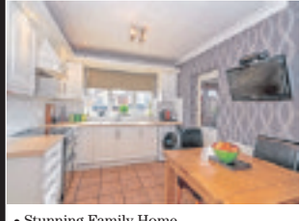

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- Refitted Bathroom
- Driveway
- Tandem Garage

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- Driveway
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- Kitchen
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- Bathroom
- Driveway
- Gardens
- No Chain

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NEW

CANNOCK
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- Hallway
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- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
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THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

£149,950

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- Split Level Bathroom❖
- Integral Double Width Garage❖
- Well Stocked Grounds❖
- Gas Fired Central Heating❖
- Predominantly Double Glazed & Intruder Alarm❖
- EPC rating D (67)❖

❖Inspection Highly Recommended To Fully Appreciate This Quality Property❖

PRICE £425,000 : FREEHOLD

FLAT 23 ROWAN CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Inspection highly recommended
- EPC rating B (81)

£109,950

5B HEATHER MEWS, HEDNESFORD

DETACHED BUNGALOW LOCATED IN ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL AREA
Convenient for Cannock, Hednesford and The Chase

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Principal bathroom and ensuite
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- EPC rating D (61)

£189,950

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4 REDBROOK CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage and gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating D (67)

£186,950 FREEHOLD

103 STAFFORD STREET, HEATH HAYES

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities at the Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- All windows double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating tbc

£146,950

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Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility room & ground floor WC
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- No chain
- EPC rating D (58)

£122,500 FREEHOLD

56 BANK STREET, HEATH HAYES

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Conveniently Located For Facilities at Heath Hayes Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Detached garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating F (30)

OFFERS OVER £140,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 27 THE HEATH, CANNOCK ROAD, HEATH HAYES

GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Located In Popular Development Convenient For Facilities At Heath Hayes Centre

- Reception Hall
- Lounge with fitted kitchen area
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Communal grounds
- Allocated parking area
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Security phone system
- EPC rating C (78)

£116.950

RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS

45 LONG LANE, NEWTOWN

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Sought After Area With Farmland To Rear

- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (66)

£875 pcm

20 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For local Facilities

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double bedrooms
- Shower room
- LPG central heating & fully double glazed
- Garden/decked terrace
- Secure parking
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

£480pcm

12 BIRCH TREE LANE, PEAR TREE ESTATE, RUGELEY

REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Reception hall
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating tbc

£600 pcm

4 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- All windows double glazed
- Sorry No smokers or pets
- DSS considered
- EPC rating tbc

£395 pcm

12 CARFAX, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMED SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Conveniently Located For Town Centre And Train Station Benefitting From Being Newly Carpeted And Decorated Throughout

- Entrance lobby
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom & separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (76)

£495pcm

27 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (79)

£550pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

45 STATION STREET, CHESLYN HAY

WELL EQUIPPED ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLATConveniently Located For Facilities At Cheslyn Hay Village Centre

- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted wet room
- Bedroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Rear garden (uncultivated)
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (75)

£425 pcm

200A BLOXWICH ROAD, WALSALL

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450 pcm

5 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Security phone system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (80)

£550 pcm

44 ROWLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

UNDER APPLICATION

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Adjoining Cannock Chase To The Rear

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: G (15)

£125pw

BEAUMONT HOUSE, 3 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

LOCATED IN POPULAR AREA WITHIN AN EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suites
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Gardens & double garage
- EPC rating: C (76)

£1350pcm

64 SWEETBRIAR WAY, HEATH HAYES

REFURBISHED SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£695pcm

1 SPINDLEWOOD CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

UNDER APPLICATION

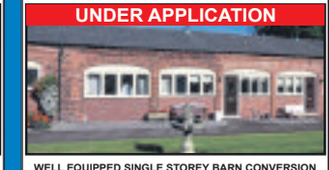
TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Gardens
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: D (63)

£600pcm

2 SMITHY PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

UNDER APPLICATION



WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated In The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds & parking
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UNIT 4 CANAL VIEW BUSINESS PARK, RUGELEY

- Unit Approx 5,460 sq ft (507 sq m)
- Eaves Height Approx 19ft 6ins (6m)
- Office & WC Facilities
- Designated Car Parking
- EPC Rating C-55

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- Eaves Height Approx 11ft (3.4m)
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- Flexible Start-Up Terms

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FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Parcel of Freehold building land
- Approximate dimensions: 370m² or thereabouts
- Adjoins Cannock Chase (AONB) to rear
- Convenient for facilities at Cannock town centre
- Suitable for the erection of one 3 bedroom detached cottage

GUIDE PRICE £50,000 to £70,000

LOT 2

38 RAVENHILL TERRACE, RUGELEY, WS15 1BS

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Mid terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating
- Double glazed
- EPC rating E (53)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

LOT 3

80 NEWMAN GROVE, RUGELEY, WS15 1BW

FREEHOLD INVESTMENT

- End terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating
- Currently producing £6,780 P.A.
- EPC rating E (50)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

LOT 4

BUILDING PLOT ADJ. 167 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 1NT

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Individual building plot with planning permission for erection of one 4 bedroomed detached house on three floors
- The site extends to an area of 290m² or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £75,000 TO £85,000

LOT 5

LAND ADJACENT TO 9 WHITGREAVE LANE, RUGELEY, WS15 1NG

FREEHOLD WIT VACANT POSSESSION

- Residential Freehold building land
- With outline planning permission for 2 No three bedroomed dwellings
- Approximate dimensions: Area 380m² or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £80,000 to £100,000

LOT 6

LAND TO REAR OF 24/26 BROWNHILLS ROAD, WALSALL WOOD, WS8 7BS

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Freehold residential building land with planning permission for 3 No houses
- Convenient for facilities at Walsall Wood and Brownhills Centre
- Approximate dimensions: Area or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £150,000 to £175,000

LOT 7

137 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, WEDNESBURY, WS10 8UE

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Inner terraced house of brick redner and slate construction
- Requiring comprehensive renovation
- Three bedrooms
- Benefiting from part gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (48)

GUIDE PRICE £50,000+

LOT 8

111 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, WEDNESBURY, WS10 8UE

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- End terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Brick, part render and slate construction
- Requiring comprehensive refurbishment and modernisation
- Benefiting from part gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (45)

GUIDE PRICE £55,000+

LOT 9

89 WOLVERHAMPTON STREET, WEDNESBURY, WS10 8UE

FREEHOLD INVESTMENT PRODUCING £4,940 P.A

- Inner terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Brick, tile and part render construction
- Benefiting from part gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (52)

GUIDE PRICE £40,000+

LOT 10

3 HOLDEN CRESCENT, COALPOOL, WALSALL, WS3 1PY

LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Purpose built ground floor flat
- Requiring refurbishment
- Ideal buy to let/first time buy
- EPC rating C (74)

GUIDE PRICE £28,000+

LOT 11

33 POPLAR LANE, CANNOCK, WS11 1NQ

LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Detached garage
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Potential for extensions/improvement
- EPC rating C (69)

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- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating E

3 1

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NO CHAIN

CHURCHBRIDGE, ELLIOT DRIVE

- Modern detached house
- Popular residential area
- Immaculate interiors
- Kitchen / dining room
- Orangery. Guest WC
- Driveway, garage
- EPC rating B

4 2

Burntwood Office - £150,000

CANNOCK, COMMON LANE

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Newly built
- Ample off road parking
- Close to town centre
- Fitted kitchen
- Spacious lounge/diner
- EPC rating C

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £215,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY, WHITE LODGE

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3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £215,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY, HATHERTON STREET

- Impressive detached house
- Popular village location
- Lounge, dining room
- Conservatory. Utility room
- Superb rear garden
- Off road parking
- EPC rating to follow

3 2

Burntwood Office - £185,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

NORTON CANES, HILL STREET

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Loft conversion
- No onward chain
- EPC rating to follow

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £174,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

CHESLYN HAY, SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Well proportioned semi
- Sought after village location
- Through lounge / dining room
- Kitchen, sun room
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway, detached garage
- EPC rating to follow

3 1

Burntwood Office - £165,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

BURNTWOOD, HUDSON DRIVE

- Semi-detached house
- Sought after location
- Lounge, sun room
- Kitchen / dining room
- Gardens front & rear
- Driveway & garage
- EPC rating to follow

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £160,000

NEW PRICE

CHESLYN HAY, GLENTHORNE DRIVE

- Well presented semi
- Quality modern interiors
- Welcoming hallway
- Lounge, kitchen / diner
- Useful utility room
- Gardens, driveway parking
- EPC rating C

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £155,000

NEW PRICE

CHURCHBRIDGE, FORGE CLOSE

- Modern mid-terraced house
- Three storey accommodation
- Well presented interiors
- Lounge / dining room
- Kitchen. Guest WC
- Separate garage & driveway
- EPC rating B

3 2

Burntwood Office - £150,000

BRERETON, THOMPSON ROAD

- Semi detached family home
- Integral garage and driveway
- Conservatory to rear
- Front and rear gardens
- Needs modernisation
- No chain
- EPC rating D

5 1

Great Wyrley Office - £130,000

NEW PRICE

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Period semi-detached house
- Requires some modernisation
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen. Cellar
- Bathrooms on both floors
- Long rear garden, parking
- EPC rating E

2 2

Burntwood Office - £50,000

HEATH HAYES, HEATH WAY

- 50% shared ownership
- First floor apartment
- Open plan living
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Parking facilities
- Gas central heating
- EPC Rating C

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£220,000

TUNNICLIFFE DRIVE RUGELEY

A three bedroomed semi detached property in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Through Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge and Dining Room. First Floor Landing, Three good size bedrooms and Bathroom. Detached Garage and Off Road Parking for several vehicles. Garden to front and Rear. EPC Rating - TBC

£139,950

BURNFIELD DRIVE, RUGELEY

A three bedroomed link detached in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen and Conservatory. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Large Driveway offering off road parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - E

£143,500

HEDNESFORD ROAD RUGELEY

A modern ground floor apartment in a purpose built development located within walking distance to local amenities. Ideally located for local bus routes and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/ Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. En-suite to Master Bedroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. EPC

£125,000

OLD EATON ROAD, RUGELEY

In need of some modernisation this good sized three bedroomed semi detached property in a popular and sought after location is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Porch, Through Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen (installation required) and Dining Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage and Off Road Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£160,000

LION STREET , RUGELEY

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A three bedroomed mid terraced property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Porch, Through Hallway, Downstairs W.C., Kitchen/Diner, Utility and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Three good sized bedrooms and Shower Room. Gas Central Heating and part UPVC Double Glazing. Drive with Off Road Parking and Garden to Rear. EPC - TBC

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OLD EATON ROAD RUGELEY

A three bedroomed semi detached property in a sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Through Hallway, Dining Room, Lounge, Conservatory, Kitchen, Hallway and Downstairs Shower Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway with Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - E

£179,995

LONDON ROAD, WESTON

A detached property with land to the rear extending to approximately 4.4 acres. The property has been upgraded to provide Vaulted Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen and Guest Cloakroom. Two downstairs Bedrooms with En-suites. First floor Master Suite with En-suite and a further Bedroom/Study. Detached Garage with ample parking.

£510,000

PARK VIEW TERRACE RUGELEY

A three bedroomed mid terraced property in need of modernisation, ideal for investment and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Part UPVC Double Glazing and Part Central Heating. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hallway and Downstairs W.C. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to Front and Rear.EPC RATING - TBC

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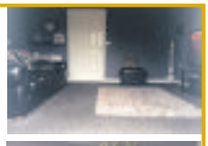


LOWER BIRCHES WAY, RUGELEY

A well presented modern two bedroomed mid terraced property, ideal for a first time buyer or for investment and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Guest W.C. and Lounge. First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Two Allocated Parking Spaces and Garden. EPC Rating - C

£130,000

STOCKINGS LANE LONGDON

A three bedroomed semi detached in a sought after village location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. The accommodation comprises of Through Hallway, Lounge and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room and Separate W.C. Garage with Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - C

£170,000

SHOAL HILL CLOSE, CANNOCK

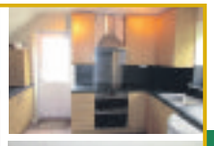
A detached property fully refurbished. Entrance Porch, through Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Re-fitted Kitchen with some appliances, Utility Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory. Four Bedrooms and Bathroom, En-suite to Master Bedroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage with driveway. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS.

£1,400 pcm

LUPIN DRIVE HUNTINGTON

SHARED OWNERSHIP. This modern first floor apartment is an ideal first time buyer and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The accommodation comprises Communal Hallway, Hallway, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two bedrooms and a Bathroom. Further benefiting from gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and allocated parking. Viewing recommended. EPC RATING - B

£42,995



THOMPSON ROAD, BRERETON

A three bedroomed semi detached property in a popular location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Detached Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£149,950

ARCH STREET RUGELEY

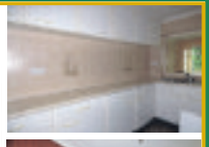
Second Floor Flat benefiting from Gas Central Heating. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bathroom and Double Bedroom. Parking at rear. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B
DEPOSIT £554

£400 pcm

FORGE MEWS RUGELEY

Ground floor flat within walking distance of the town centre. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen. One Double Bedroom, Shower Room. Garden to front. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £657

£475 pcm



LODGE ROAD, BRERETON

A spacious extended family home situated in popular residential area within walking distance to local amenities. Enclosed Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, extended Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front with small courtyard garden to rear. Full Length Garage with workshop and outbuildings. EPC RATING - E

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£199,995

BROCTON HOUSE RUGELEY

Modern ground floor apartment in sought after location, comprising of Kitchen with some appliances, Lounge, Shower Room. Double Bedroom. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS EPC Rating B
DEPOSIT £623

£450 pcm

HARDIE AVENUE RUGELEY

Spacious first floor flat. Accommodation comprises Entrance hall, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen , Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off Road Parking. Electric Heating.

NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS EPC RATING - F

DEPOSIT Ã£588

£550 pcm

ARMITAGE ROAD BRERETON

A delightful refurbished mid-terraced cottage. Entrance Hall, Galley Kitchen, Lounge, First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Second Floor landing leading to an Attic Room/Third Bedroom. Enclosed garden to rear. SINGLE GARAGE and communal parking. EPC RATING - TBC

£165,000

ST MICHAELS ROAD, BRERETON

A three bedroomed semi detached property in a sought after location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Detached Garage with Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£130,000

ST MICHAELS ROAD RUGELEY

A spacious semi detached property accommodation comprises of Entrance hall, Kitchen, Utility Room, Lounge, Two double bedrooms and Bathroom. Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating Off road parking.
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating D
DEPOSIT £690

£499 pcm

ARCH STREET RUGELEY

Ground floor flat comprising of Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, One Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing .Off road parking at rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS EPC Rating C
DEPOSIT £575

£415 pcm

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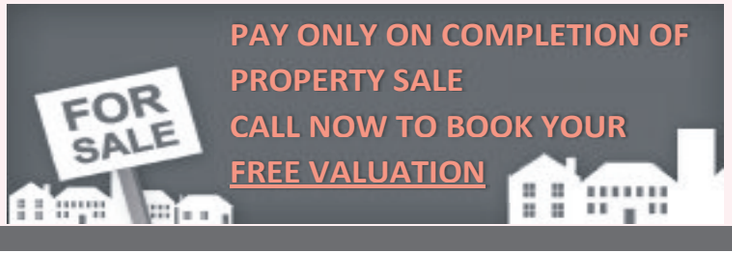

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- NO CHAIN
- South Side of Lichfield
- Semi Detached
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- Modern Open Plan
- Living room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Cloaks
- Garage

£289,995

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- Buy in Slitting Mill
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- NO CHAIN
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St Lukes Walk, Handsacre

- Spacious Flat
- 2 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Heating
- Bathroom
- Gas Central
- Garden
- 2 Sheds

£85,000

Barn Road, Handsacre

- Charming Area
- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Cloaks
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Beautiful Garden
- Garage.

£750 pcm

Burwaye Close, Lichfield

- Lovely Apartment
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bround Floor
- Modern Open Plan
- Living Room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Parking
- Close to the City

£685

Acton Court, Lichfield

- Smart Apartment
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom/shower
- Communal Garden
- Parking
- Close to Trent Valley train station.

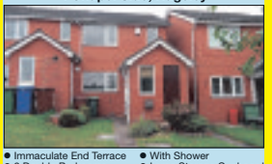
£595 pcm

Priory Road, Rugeley

- Large Semi
- 2 Large Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Good Storage Space
- Garden
- Garage

£550

4 Chapel Side, Rugeley



- Immaculate End Terrace
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
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- Family Bathroom
- With Shower
- Large Storage Cupboard
- Gas Central Heating
- Private Rear Garden
- Plenty of parking

£550 pcm

Broome Walk, Handsacre

- Refurbished Apartment
- Ground Floor
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Shower Room
- Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Garden
- Sorry no dss or pets

£525

Rookery Court, Lichfield

- Furnished Apartment
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Garage

£495

Tuppenhurst Lane, Handsacre

- Smart Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Spacious
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry No dss
- Available Now

£410 pcm

Hamilton Close, Hednesford

- Nice Apartment
- Popular Area
- 1st Floor
- Double Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower
- Plenty of Parking
- Sorry no DSS

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- Energy Rating C

£370 pcm

BROADHURST GREEN, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Flat
- Part Furnished
- Lounge, Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ PETS

£475 pcm

WALSALL ROAD, CANNOCK

- NO DEPOSIT OPTION
- Three Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating F
- NO DSS OR PETS

£495 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH/DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy RatingD

£525 pcm

MORETON STREET, CHADSMOOR

- 1 Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/PETS

£400 pcm

DARTMOUTH MEWS, CANNOCK

- One Bed Flat
- Town Centre
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Secure Parking
- Energy Rating B
- NO DSS OR

£495 pcm

EATON DRIVE, RUGELEY

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Allocated Parking

£525 pcm

JUBILEE STREET, RUGELEY

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- DG, Driveway
- Gardens
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£540 pcm

KNIGHTS COURT

- 2 Bed End Town House
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garden
- Allocated Parking

£550 pcm

KNIGHTS COURT, NORTON CANES

- 2 Bed Mews House
- Part Furnished
- Lounge, Kitchen
- GCH, Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR

£550 pcm

WELLINGTON MEWS, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Mews
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Heating & GD
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

BLAKE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Conservatory,
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Gardens & Drive
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£595 pcm

BRIAR CLOSE, RUGELEY

- Three Bed Link
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Guest WC
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG

£625 pcm

MERLIN CLOSE, CANNOCK

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/Dining room
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garage/Garage
- Energy rating D

£675 pcm

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Detached
- Town Centre
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, GCH, DG

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- Modern Fitted Bathroom
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£139,950

Oakenhurst Av, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom terraced property,being ideal for first time buyers. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Bedroom One with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear and Allocated Parking

£154,950

Armitage Road, Rugeley

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£139,995

The Laurels, Brereton

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Blakeley Close, Rugeley

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The Lindens, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to bring to market this four bedroom,three storey home, situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway,Guest w.c, Breakfast Kitchen and Lounge. First Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom.Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite. Drive to Garage and Good sized Garden to rear

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Greenfields Drive, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom link detached home, offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens

£179,950

Hindley View, Rugeley

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Beechmere Rise, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this split level detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location.Having Hallway with landing to Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate w.c. Stairs down to Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Guest w.c. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

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CHESLYN HAY

Five bedroom detached dormer style house / Quiet end plot on sought after cul-de-sac / Modern fitted kitchen / Double garage / Large plot with good sized rear garden

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Impressive five bedroom detached dormer style house / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large reception style conservatory / Detached garage / Drive for

Offers in the Region Of £345,000

Lion Street
RUGELEY

Spacious and truly unique character property / Potentially seven bedrooms / High ceilings & original fireplaces throughout / High ceilings & original fireplaces throughout

Offers in the Region Of £300,000

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CANNOCK

Four bedroom character property with a unique bespoke design / Spacious accommodation throughout / Large lounge with feature Inglenook fireplace

Offers in Excess of £300,000

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ETCHING HILL

Exclusive four bedroom detached property / Set back from main road & on private street / Generous corner plot position / Large rear garden / Driveway with parking for three vehicles / Re-fitted modern kitchen

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GREAT WYRLEY

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£285,000

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HEATH HAYES

Immaculately presented executive detached family home / Sought after location / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern breakfast kitchen

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WIMBLEBURY

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CANNOCK

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RUGELEY

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HEATH HAYES

Four bedroom detached character property / Full refurbishment throughout / Spacious open plan kitchen diner with high spec fitted units / Four double bedrooms

£250,000

Chasewater Way
NORTON CANES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Sought after cul-de-sac location / Stunning large rear conservatory / Good sized private rear garden / Private driveway for two cars plus garage

£245,000

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HEDNESFORD

Immaculately presented executive detached family home / Good sized corner plot in a sought after area / Finished to a high standard / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation

£230,000

Nelson Drive
HEDNESFORD

Three bedroom detached bungalow / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Driveway providing off road parking

£230,000

Talbot Street
RUGELEY

Deceptively spacious traditional three bedroom semi-detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Set on a large corner plot / Off road parking at the rear for four vehicles / Extended ground floor kitchen

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Rugeley Road
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Immaculately presented three bedroom detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Modern breakfast kitchen / Integral garage and driveway providing ample parking

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HEATH HAYES

Three Bedroom Mid Terraced Town House / Set Over Three Storeys / Sought After Area With Pleasant Green To Front / Finished To A Good Modern Standard / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

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Its looks and performance (as well as its price tag) are stunning – the all-British McLaren 650S is a supercar worthy of the name, *writes John Griffiths.*

Vital statistics of 0 to 62mph in 2.9 seconds, 0 to 124mph in 8.4 seconds and a top speed of over 200mph are what you might expect from a company which years of experience in Formula One engineering.

The price tag of £198,000 means, for most of us, ownership of this latest thoroughbred from the McLaren stable is the stuff of dreams, But around the world there are enough enthusiasts who can afford to – the Surrey-based company is on track to sell a record 3,000 cars this year and recently recruited more engineers to work a second shift in order to meet demand.

The company is profitable and fiercely independent: don't look for switchgear and other equipment borrowed from lesser models because there isn't any. Everything is bespoke, and hand-built.

The interior is simple yet inclusive: driver and passenger can sit back in electrically adjustable, hand-stitched leather upholstery listening to a top of the range audio system in climate controlled comfort. Yet the controls, dials and switches are a model of simplicity, so the driver's attention is always where it ought to be.

Apart from appreciating the cars' performance and depth of engineering excellence, buyers know that limited production runs have the benefit of exclusivity and pent up demand. For example its first road-going supercar, the F1 – which set a new speed record for production cars in 1998 – would have set you back around £600,000. A massive sum then, and even now, But to get your hands on one today you'd need to find the thick end of £10,000,000.

The car is powered by a mid-mounted 3.8 litre V8 twin turbo, McLaren having dropped the V12 in the interests of economy. A relatively term, but an average of 24.2mpg and a 275g/km of CO2 are actually pretty good for a supercar with this potential.

It turns out 641bhp (or 650PS, hence the name): power and torque are up on its predecessor, the 12C.

One of the reasons for this is the whopping 678NM of torque (thanks to the twin turbos) so that in mornal driving the engine runs in a higher gear, with lower revs, than a normally aspirated V8 or V12. Oh yes, and it's also more responsive, picking up more quickly than a conventional engine when a quick burst of acceleration is needed.

The second reason for its performance.economy balance is light weight. It is built mostly of carbon fibre and aluminium, with the passengers sitting in a carbon fibre Monocell or 'tub'. Directly linked to F1 technology, it also makes the car particularly strong and stiff, for safety and improved handling dynamics.

For such a powerful, rear wheel drive car the handling and roadholding characteristics are simply stunning. In fact it has far greater depth of ability than you can possibly explore during a road test on British roads: I'm sure every driver's first desire will be to put it through its paces on the track. The proactive chassis control system has three settings – normal sport and track – but the normal setting is more than capable of allowing you to turn in and track smoothly and comfortably along twisty roads.

It also allows for what, for me, was the McLaren's biggest secret. Great performance, handling and braking you expect, but the excellence of the ride in such a dedicated sports car is a revelation, Indeed, it was significantly more comfortable than the mass-market compact SUV I travelled in to the McLaren event.

The Spider version I drove also had a neat little trick. As well as being able to retract a large part of the roof, you and seperately and independently lower the back window at the touch of a button. It doesn't sound much, but it firstly allows you hear and enjoy the soundtrack from the engine and secondly to get a draught-free supply of fresh air even when it's pouring with rain.

McLaren's range starts with the £126,000 540C, which has much in common with the 650S in terms of looks and the same mid-mounted V8 and gearbox but with 540PS.

Next up is the slightly more powerful 570 which comes in S (sport) and GT guises, priced at £148,000 and £154,00 respectively. Their vital statistics are o to 62mph in 3.2 seconds, 204mph, 26.6mpg and 249g/km of C02.

They look identical, but the main difference is that the GT has an extra luggage space beneath the sloping rear window, giving you 330 litres of space.

These new breed of McLarens are more than capable of competing with the best Italian and German supercars. While the company is a relative newcomer to the game – it's productiion facility only opened in 2011 – it has years of Formula One engineering expertise and it shows.

McLaren has a six-year, £1 billion investment plan, aiming to unveil a new model each year with the future emphasis on hybrid and pure electric cars. In fact the company is unusual in investing 30 per cent of its turnover in research and development – perhaps the reason why it has come so far, so fast in such an exclusive area of the market.

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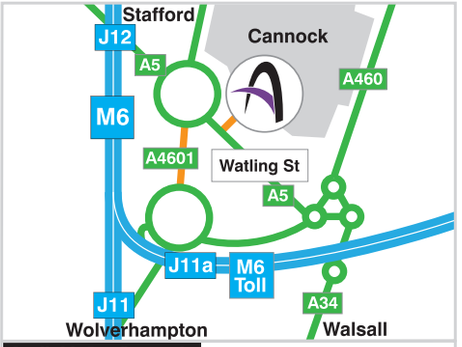

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Suzuki S-Cross beefed up and much tastier

By John Griffiths

The often overlooked Suzuki S-Cross was among the early players in the now burgeoning compact crossover sector.

In spite of competitive pricing and a high degree of competence, what it perhaps lacked was the chunky looks demanded by those who have sent SUV sales soaring by 27 per cent this year. The car was too car-like for that.

But that's all changed, with a heavily revamped model which offers more room, a range of new hi-tech and efficient engines and importantly perhaps – if first impressions do count – the stronger, bolder looks of a full-blown SUV.

The S-Cross now comes with two small and economical (but still punchy) turbocharged petrol engines: a 1.0 litre version from the new Baleno and the 1.4 from the acclaimed new Vitara S.

The revamped 1.6 turbo diesel is more familiar, but now offers lower fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

Unlike many of its rivals, all versions are available with Suzuki's proven ALLGRIP four wheel drive on demand system.

Prices range from £14,999 for a two-wheel drive with the 1.0 Boosterjet engine, rising to £24,349 flagship model with 1.6 turbo diesel and four wheel drive.

A six-speed twin clutch auto is an option with both petrol engines.

The new S-Cross is much more distinctively styled, with a bolder new grille, clam sheel bonnet, broader 'shoulders' and new LED lights. It also has greater ground clearance.

Inside, it has been upgraded with some softer, more expensive-looking materials and a lot of new technology, including the central information/control screen.

Generous

The cabin has plenty of room for five adults. Leg and headroom in the back is particularly generous for this class, with a roomy 430 litre boot (875 litres with the rear seatbacks folded down). The seating position is high, one of the attractions of an SUV. It means easier access, and great visibility.

A major attraction is that you can have a smooth, comfortable car with 4x4 capability that is still economical to run and environmentally friendly. That's thanks to the combination of new engines and Suzuki's ALLGRIP 4x4 system, both geared to efficiency and fuel saving.

I must admit that, although I was mightily impressed by the 1.0 Boosterjet engine in the Baleno I did wonder how such a small, three cylinder engine would cope with a heavier 4x4. The answer is perfectly, confirming my high opinion of it in the Baleno.

The figures are some illustration: 0 to 62mph in 11 seconds, an official 56.4mpg average and a low 113g/km of CO2, but that's only part of the story.

The small, turbocharged petrol engine is becoming increasingly popular with manufacturers and drivers. It has the economy advantage of a small engine under light throttle, but put your foot down and you have the added oomph from the blower.

The Boosterjet produces 110bhp and 170Nm of torque. Compare that to a current, normally aspirated 1.0 litre engine from a major manufacturer – 60bhp and 95Nm.

The torque figure is, if anything, more important than bhp. It mean the Boosterjet, and consequently the S-Cross, is responsive and flexible from low revs and it drives particularly smoothly and quietly without the noise and need for constant gearchanges we experience in a more traditional engine.

The 1.4 Boosterjet, of course, has more of everything. 140PS, 220Nm, a 0 to 62mph sprint time of 10.2 seconds and yet still manages better than 50mpg economy and CO2 emissions of 127g/km. It is both more powerful and more economical than the old 1.6 petrol engine it replaces.

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Skoda's City slicker does the business

By James Parker

Get behind the wheel of Škoda Citigo and you've a solid, well appointed cabin that promises a solid, well appointed driving experience.

Already, you sense, there's a depth of design here missing from this car's French, Korean and Japanese rivals. Most of these feature three cylinder 1.0-litre engines that are busily revvy at best and downright noisy at worst. A configuration shared here, but delivered with a bit more finesse. Fire the engine and a more refined thrum filters out from beneath the bonnet ahead. Not refined enough, it must be said, to quite let you forget the cylindrical imbalance under the bonnet. But then the characteristic offbeat rasp isn't unpleasant and rather suits this design's rather offbeat charisma.

You'll certainly be hearing plenty of it if rapid progress is needed, for without a turbocharger to boost torque, this one needs to be revved quite a bit, peak power not arriving until 6,000rpm, only 600rpm shy of the red line. And if you're wondering quite how much power we're talking about, the answer is not a great deal in the mainstream 1.0-litre variants we're focusing on here, cars offering a choice of either 60 or 75PS outputs, with an identical 95Nm of torque either way. Most will be content with the base version, capable as it is of sixty in 14.4s on the way to 99mph, quite enough to keep up with the traffic. The performance gains offered by the 75PS variant seem relatively slight (0-60mph in 13.2s on the way to 107mph) but the unit is a little more refined.

The styling looks quite smart but forget the aesthetics: two statistics sum up the real thinking behind this design. A length of around 3.5-metres yet a wheelbase that takes up nearly 2.5-metres of that. Which is why, though a Citigo is no longer than a Fiat 500, it offers far more room inside, space in fact for the four fully-sized adults who could never comfortably fit in the apparently space-efficient Italian car. Both three and five-door models offer the same amount of rear passenger space of a standard impressive in this segment and helped for taller folk by the way it's possible to easily tuck your feet beneath the seat ahead. Equipment-wise, the entry-level 'S' variant doesn't come with very much at all other than the real basics: you even have to pay extra for a spare wheel. You do though, get an MP3-compatible CD stereo with an AUX-in socket, body-coloured bumpers, daytime running lights and a 12V powerpoint.

Thanks in part to a low kerb weight of only around 850kg, even the least efficient entry-level 60PS models will return a combined fuel economy figure of 62.8mpg, with emissions pegged at 108g/km. Figures you can improve to 64.2mpg and 103g/km by opting for the efficient ASG automatic gearbox, at just 30kgs in weight, one of the lightest auto gearboxes ever made. Those looking for better economy still in their 1.0-litre 60PS Citigo will be drawn inexorably to the 'GreenTech' model which features low rolling resistance tyres, a battery regeneration system and a stop start system that cuts the engine when you don't need it in traffic or at the lights. As a result, it can return an impressive 68.9mpg on the combined cycle and emit just 96g/km of carbon dioxide.

Go for the slightly pokier 75PS variant and there's hardly any penalty at the pumps. Unlike SEAT and Volkswagen, Škoda includes its efficiency package (with start/stop etc as standard with this engine, so the returns achieved – 67.3mpg on the combined cycle and 98g/km £8,275– are substantially better than the 75PS SEAT Mii or Volkswagen up! models you'd get for the same or more money. Whether you opt for your Citigo with 60 or 75PS, the benefits of the efficiency package are important given that they take this car below the 100g/km barrier, making it completely free from congestion charges.

Styling looks quite smart on the Citigo

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Being a third generation Corsa this Limited Edition has real visual impact

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The Corsa has always been a worthy and practical small family hatch. Now it's very desirable in Limited Edition form.

In third generation guise, Vauxhall's Corsa supermini justifies its strong sales figures on genuine merit, good looks and slick design also matched in this version by a more efficient engine and a sharper driving experience.

Over the last few years, we've had to change our perceptions of exactly what a small little hatchback – a supermini – actually is. After all, the small urban runabout role models like this used to perform is now covered by smaller citycars, leaving today's supermini as a much more grown-up thing, safer, more spacious and able to cover longer distances. But as any teenager will tell you, being grown-up can also mean being boring. At its launch in 2007, this third generation Vauxhall Corsa wasn't alone in offering a larger-car feel but without the kind of spark and vitality that once made small cars like this so much fun.

Yet with the Corsa Limited Edition that we look at here, Vauxhall looks to have cracked this particular nut by adding 17" black twin spoke alloy wheels and Carbon Flash roof and door mirrors, body coloured VXR styling pack, air conditioning, darkened rear glass and sports pedals.

The improvements to the 'driving experience' are significant. The previously over-light electric power steering now decently communicates what the front wheels are doing. As for the spring and damper tweaks, the chassis feels slightly more supple than before, the ride remains on the firm side.

Being a third generation Corsa this Limited Edition has real visual impact. Though it shares its platform, suspension and steering with Fiat's Grande Punto, there's a very different look and feel, the front end featuring a deep Vauxhall V-grille with aggressive air intakes under the bumper and a pair of headlamps that smear back along the wings. Though both three and five-door bodystyles occupy pretty much the same footprint on the road, Vauxhall has tried to give them each their own separate appeal, though the three-door tested here does look a little sleeker with its rear wheelarch bulges and raked rear window.

This variant now slots nicely into the more affordable VED tax bands, emitting 124g/km of CO2 and returning 53.3mpg on the combined cycle.

A small but useful 5PS improvement now gives an output of 85PS which makes progress a little more relaxed.

And, like most of the other models in the range, it comes with an eco gearshift indicator built into the instrument cluster to prompt you when to change gear for the best economy returns. Residual values won't be amongst the strongest, but you can balance that against the competitive pricing of the Limited Edition models. Insurance groupings are between 2 and 8 for these cars.

Cleaner, greener and better to drive, the Corsa Limited Edition now either matches or beats most of the more recently launched rivals.

And the things we liked about this car at its original launch are still in place: the sharp looks, the classy cabin, the big-car feel.

Add to that the 'in-price' extras and the competitive pricing and you've a supermini that more than ever, needs to remain high on any one's shopping list.

AT A GLANCE

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CX-3 challenges in the compact crossover sector

The CX-3 has plenty of space

The CX-3 packs in all Mazda's Skyactiv technology

By James Parker

With its sights set on challenging the likes of popular compact crossovers such as Nissan's Juke and Vauxhall's Mokka, Mazda's CX-3 promises to emulate the successful CX-5 SUV but on a smaller scale.

The CX-3 packs all the firm's clever 'Skyactiv' engineering, such as trick engine tech and a focus on lightweight yet strong construction, and boasts a similarly streamlined profile.

Mazdas's not skimping on the kit, either, with the CX-3 packing a generous level of standard equipment such as an infotainment touchscreen, DAB radio, cruise control and alloy wheels along with the usual array of airbags and electric windows and mirrors. Move up the range and you'll find sat-nav, LED headlights, parking sensors, privacy glass plus the choice of front or four-wheel drive and an auto gearbox.

It's only when parked alongside the larger CX-5 can you fully appreciate the complementary design of the CX-3. This 'look' is something that's been steadily rolled out across the Mazda range, and it's fair to say that it's a bold one. However, the CX-3 carries off this edgy styling package well and it's only when you get up close do realise exactly how compact this, well, compact crossover is. More high-rise hatchback than full-blown 4×4, the CX-3 doesn't tower over you in the usual cliched SUV manner.

Opting for a four-wheel drive variant will give you an advantage when conditions are less than favourable. That said, with compact crossovers often bought to replace conventional family hatchbacks, off-roading is unlikely to be a priority for many buyers.

Thankfully the CX-3 offers ample amounts of cabin space and, importantly for families, storage space. You can fold rear seats to create a larger boot, although with the seats up there's still plenty of room and the load lip is pleasingly high. Rear seat passengers fare well for head and leg room, too.

With demand for 'soft-roader' models showing no sign of slowing down, it would only be right to focus on the front-wheel drive CX-3. Likely to be viewed by many as a more versatile replacement for an existing supermini or compact family hatchback, in front-drive guise you're ditching the car's intelligent al-wheel drive system but hopefully gaining a little more fuel economy. In the real world the CX-3 stops and steers with more enthusiasm than most rivals, while the sporty ride ensures pitch and roll is minimal away from the city limits.

The driving position and slick manual gearshift both make driving that bit more enjoyable, while the engines strike a good balance of refinement and performance. The 1.5-litre diesel might sound underwhelming on paper but its 104bhp proves more than ample and it sounds very un-diesel-like.

The more conventional 2.0-litre petrol motor in 118bhp guise is more sprightly and edges the diesel for refinement, although the diesel bests it for economy and emissions by some margin and is the more relaxing car to drive.

Despite the CX-3's cabin boasting a premium car-like ambience and high quality materials, the asking prices remain largely at sensible levels. Mazda's generosity when it comes to kit – even the entry-level car includes a swish infotainment system and colour touchscreen – makes some genuinely premium alternatives look overpriced. The firm's also been smart on the engineering front, with its engines recording wallet-friendly economy and emissions.

The firm's latest design language has ensured the various cars – CX-3 included – are now more distinctive, which should attract buyers seeking to stand out from the mini SUV crowd.

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Ghosn commented: "We are moving toward a future where car usage may be more flexible, social and shared.

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"And there is no better vehicle to launch this program than the all-new Micra, which embodies the vision of Nissan Intelligent Mobility."

The initiative will be launched in Paris later this year, with the first cars expected to be on the road by April 2017.

Participants will have to agree an annual mileage limit

Ownership community members will receive bespoke monthly invoices based on vehicle usage.

The service forms part of Nissan's Intelligent Mobility vision, which the company says "provides a framework for how cars are powered, driven, and integrated into society, all while staying focused on creating more enjoyable driving experiences". The ownership programme includes insurance, servicing, the smartphone app, access to the online matching tool and in-car technology.

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Please note that the deadline for our weekly Cannock Chronicle is 11.30am every Tuesday for the same weeks edition.

BAILEY

Barry William

(Bomber Bailey)

Retired Sgt Barry Bomber Bailey, sadly passed away on November 2, 2016, aged 69 years.

He will be gretaly missed by Wife Rita, all Family and Friends.

Service to be held at Streetly Crematorium, West Chapel, on Monday, November 21, at 2.15pm.

Donations welcome on behalf of Walsall Heart Care.

BAMFORD

Sylvia Marguerite

Formerly Sylvia Fisher

Sylvia sadly passed away on November 5, 2016, at Queens Hospital, Burton, aged 79 years.

A much loved Mom to Jim, Lyndon, Becci and Stefan and Nanny to Arron, Naomi, Levi, Joe, Haydn, Finlay and Logan, reunited with Husband Ron.

Mom's Funeral Service will take place at Sandwell Valley Crematorium, Newton Road, West Bromwich, B71 3SX, on Monday, November 28, at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only, any donations greatly received will be given to Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund.

For any further information please contact

Bruce Walker

GOUGH

Eileen Muriel

Sadly passed away October 12, 2016, aged 95 years.

A much loved Mom, Nan and Great-Nan who will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

Her Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at 10.30am at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only please.

Donations, would be appreciated for Ward 19 at The Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham.

All inquiries c/o

A.J. Sellman
Family Funeral Directors
70 Church Street, Cannock,WS11 1DH
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GREGORY

Geoffrey

Sadly passed away on Monday, November 7, 2016, aged 73 years.

Geoffrey was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Monday, November 21, 2016, at St Saviour's Church, Hatherton, at 10.30am, followed by a Burial in the Churchyard.

Flowers welcome.

Donations if so desired for Cancer Research U.K.

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OWEN

Grace

Of Hednesford.

Passed away peacefully in hospital on November 10, 2016, aged 91 years.

Reunited with her devoted Husband Roland and beloved Mom of Gloria and Keith, also a loving Nan, Great-Nan, Mother-in-law and Friend.

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ROLLASON

Brenda Irene

Passed away peacefully November 5, 2016, aged 76 years.

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ROWLANDS

John

Passed away on October 16.

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We miss him so much but we will never forget and love him forever.

God bless.

Wife Rose and Family.

SMALL

Jean

nee Broome

Sadly passed away on October 31, 2016 aged 83 years.

The Funeral Service will be held at St. James Church, Norton Canes at 11am, followed by cremation at Stafford Crematorium.

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Wife

I will treasure our memories from the past for all time, till we meet again, my love for you will never die.

Your ever loving Husband Ray.

X X X

Mom

Our beloved Mom, who sadly slipped away, you left so suddenly. Knowing you will suffer no more will be a blessing to us all.

Precious memories we shared together, sleep tight Mom.

Love always Daughter Jenny, Son-in-Law Barry.

X X

Mom

Mom, you've been with me all my life, but now you're gone. Your smile, wise words, and caring ways will be with me for always.

Rest peacefully, Angela, Sam and Family.

X X

Mom

If roses grow in Heaven Lord, please pick a bunch for me.

Place them in my Mothers arms and tell her they're from me.

Very sadly missed Son Graham, Daughter-in-Law Lorraine, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

X X X

STOCKHALL

Derek Charles

Derek sadly passed away on November 4, 2016, at Queen's Hospital, Burton, aged 77 years.

A wonderful Gentleman, greatly loved and missed by Family and Friends.

His Funeral Service will take place at Stafford Crematorium, on Wednesday, November 23, at 11.30am.

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Any donations greatly received will be given to a Respiratory Charity.

For any further information please contact

Bruce Walker

in memoriam

BERRY

Colin

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X X X

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Geoffrey.

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Alan Paul

48 on November 21, 2016

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ROWLANDS

John

Wife of the late John Rowlands would like to thank everyone for cards and flowers, and all his Family and Friends who attended his funeral.

Also, Gwyn Taylor for a lovely service and Sellmans for the care given to us.

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Donations raised £350 which will go to Heart & Stroke on behalf of John.

I would like to thank everyone.

God bless you all.

Wife Rose and Family.

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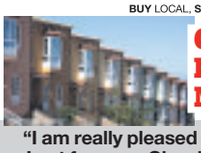

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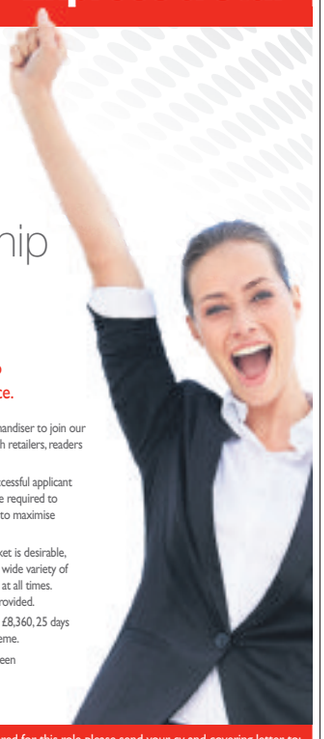

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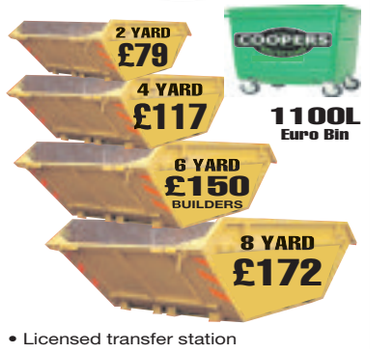
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Pride as sports stars honoured with awards

SPORTING heroes from across the Black Country have been honoured at a special awards ceremony.

Scores of sports stars and clubs packed into the Showcase Cinema in Dudley for the annual Black Country and Physical Activity Awards.

In total there were eight awards handed out, including the Sports Personality of the Year – hotly contested by an Olympian and two Paralympians.

Gymnast Kristian Thomas, able-bodied cyclist Helen Scott and wheelchair tennis player Jordanne Whiley MBE – the latter two both from Halesowen – were all nominated. In the end it went to Thomas, aged 27, from Wolverhampton, and the guest of honour on the night. It follows a stellar year, which saw him win two silver medals at the European Championships and compete in the Rio Olympics.

Ambassadors

The recently enrolled Wolverhampton University student, who trains in Halesowen but now lives in Wimblebury, Cannock, said: "I really was not expecting this. To be up against them when they're such good ambassadors for the Black Country and sport, it really is an honour. I am very proud to be representing the Black Country."

The night began with speeches and introductions from the host of the awards Active Black Country – the group set up to encourage active lifestyles for residents across the region.

Group chairman Deborah Williams told the audience it was 'great' to be able to 'recognise and celebrate the achievements of so many people and organisations'.

The first gong of the night was the Power of Sport award, set up to recognise those who have used sport to make a difference to others.

Akil Maylor, who established Rise up Yoga in a disused shop on the Heath Town estate in Wolverhampton, took home the award to rapturous applause, beating Wendy Hall.

Mr Maylor's win was swiftly followed by the Community Club of the Year award, won by adult running group Stourbridge Mums on the Run.

Emma Barnes, who set the group up five years ago, said: "We were honoured to get the award. We are just a small recreational running group with 94 members including about 30 active on a weekly basis. We run some five times a week."

The loudest cheers of the night came for Suzy Richards and her son Owen as they collected the award for community project of the year after their Run for Joel event.

The event, set up in memory of Suzy's son and Owen's brother Joel who died in last year's Tunisia attacks, attracted some 1,100 runners and raised more than £27,000. Earlier in the day the family was at Worcester University collecting an honorary first degree for Joel.

Suzy said: "Can I thank everybody, every runner who attended, every volunteer and all the local businesses that have helped – and of course Sandwell Leisure Trust? Joel was all about getting off the sofa, running, getting people into sports. He even tried to get me to do a few street runs.

"Last year was horrific for us, the community was ripped apart by it. Joel would have been 21 on August 3 and our aim was to do 21 events but we've smashed it and done 24 already."

Owen, 17, added: "We are really pleased with the win. It shows the support that everyone has given from the community."

One of the most hotly contest awards of the night was for aspiring talent, which saw 19-year-old Darlaston boxer Benjamin Whittaker edge out nordic skier Siobhan Pelow and 400-metre runner Ellis Greatrix.

Already in training for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with Team GB, Whittaker said: "It is an honour to win this award and hopefully I can become a role model and inspire more people into sport."

Battled

Sally-Ann Chambers, 47, from Cradley Heath, who was originally nominated for unsung hero of the year, lifted the glass trophy for coach of the year. She works at Midrange Netball Club in Tipton.

There were just two nominees in the school of the year category with The Streetly Academy in Walsall taking the honours over Dudley's Milking Bank Primary, with its 30 extra curricular clubs proving a decisive factor.

Headteacher Billie Downie said: "Sport changes lives but there are too many headteachers and schools who do not see the value of sport. Sport is such a positive influence on young people's lives."

Paul Gough beat off Paul Green and Glyn Marston in the unsung hero category. Gough has run Priory Amateur Boxing for some 20 years.

In a pre-recorded message he said: "We are going to do more in the community in the new year and hopefully we will keep benefiting the borough."

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"It really is an honour. I am very proud to be representing the Black Country." – Olympic gymnast Kristian Thomas

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Sport

Thomas jumps for joy at sports star of year title

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Late goal no reflection on performance

Cannock 1sts 0 Bowdon 1

CANNOCK were left frustrated after this defeat to third-placed Bowdon.

After a disappointing performance against Leek the week before, Cannock were keen to make amends, but with three minutes left and neither team finding the net, Bowdon removed their keeper for an extra outfield player.

From this and a questionable penalty corner decision, Bowdon converted to put them one up. Cannock then removed their keeper in a last ditch attempt to force a goal. However, Bowdon successfully ran down the clock and took the three points. The players and home crowd all felt a sense of injustice at the result although there were many positives to gain from the team performance.

This weekend Cannock travel to second place Olton & West Warwick, for whom several former Cannock players now feature.

Cannock 2nds 1 Leek 2nd 4

Cannock were below average despite many periods of good play. However, there were too many unforced errors and poor decision making as they lost their third game in a row. A decent flick from Chris Gardner was helped into Leek's net by their keeper to level at 1-1 before half-time but three more goals in the second half saw Leek home.

L'borough Uni 3rds 7 Cannock 3rds 3

It was a daunting trip to leaders Loughborough on Saturday. Loughborough had a 100 per cent record from six games and hadn't conceded at home.

That record was ended by Alex Hill, but Cannock were 5-1 down at half-time. Guy Sheldon and Ed Martin added goals in the second half.

Other results: Cannock 4ths 2 Leek 4ths 3; Sutton Coldfield 0 Cannock 5ths 0; Newport 4 Cannock 6ths 1; Telford 5 Cannock Badgers 0.

Misery continues as two shown red in defeat at home

Heath Hayes 0 Leicester Road 2

NOTHING seems to be going right for Heath Hayes this season as they had two players sent off in this defeat to Midland League Division One table-toppers Leicester Road.

It was an open end-to-end game with two compact defences making clear-cut chances difficult to come by and neither keeper being really tested.

Charlie Ware went closest for the home side but his looping effort finished on top of the net with goalkeeper Will Highland beaten.

The deadlock was broken on 32 minutes with a goal of real quality from Jake Holt, who fired home from 20 yards following an incisive four-man move.

On the stroke of half-time, the game took a decisive turn when Dave Leese was sent off for a second yellow card.

The visitors got their second when a header from Alex Holt struck Ryan Burns and ended up in the net.

Further bad fortune followed when Harry Phillips was sent off for protesting against a decision by the referee's assistant.

Building towards fans' shelter bid

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Football

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IZAK REID settled a spiky derby in Stafford Rangers' favour with a penalty four minutes from the end of extra-time.

The substitute slammed home after namesake Levi Reid had been unceremoniously upended by Lewis Wright towards the end of a tense affair which featured a 90th-minute Hednesford equaliser and a red card for each side before it was eventually ended 2-1 to Rangers.

After a cagey start, Rangers were a lick of paint from the opener when Elliot Hodge rattled the inside of the upright on 16 minutes with Sean Geddes's follow up instinctively parried away by Dan Crane.

At the other end, George Carline headed a deep free-kick towards goal only for Stafford's Mat Bailey to hook off the line while facing his own goal. The big flashpoint arrived five minutes before half-time when Hodge was clattered by Hednesford right-back Michael Williams.

Geddes needlessly got involved with Williams hitting the deck and a mass skirmish ensued. Referee Greg Rollason took three minutes to deliberate with his assistants before booking Williams and issuing Hodge with his second card as Stafford vehemently claimed mistaken identity.

But the 10 men remained on the front foot in the second half with the lively Josh Gordon flashing just past the far post from the right side of the box. The numbers were evened up on 68 minutes when Gordon was caught late by Williams who was given his second booking.

With tension building and the match becoming stretched, Gordon looked to have settled it when he played a smart one-two with Perry, strode into the box and caressed around Crane with nine minutes to play. Rangers looked comfortable but got caught with a sucker punch when Tristian Dunkley's deft flick from a low cross bobbled inside the far post in injury time.

But Rangers remained in charge during extra-time with Perry heading over from six yards and Levi Reid being denied by Crane before the late spot-kick. Rangers take on National League North side Chorley in the third qualifying round on November 26.

Tempers flare in the Marston Road derby

Rangers' Elliot Hodge gets his marching orders

Gap at top widens after Scholars slump

Sheffield FC 2 Chasetown 1

CHASETOWN lost ground on the top three in Evo-Stik League Division One South after this 2-1 defeat at the world's oldest football club.

Sheffield took the lead in the 25th minute with a cool finish by Connor Hall. Four minutes before the break, Alec Denton extended the lead. Chasetown reduced the deficit 10 minutes into the second half as Charles Weston-Hayles turned home before Jermaine Johnson saw red for a second bookable offence.

Meanwhile, a devoted football fan has run her first ever 10k to raise funds for a midfielder who broke his leg in two places.

Chasetown FC fan Nikki Jay has raised £100 for Josh Craddock, after he suffered the injury during a 1-0 win over Rugby Town.

Nikki, aged 18, completed the run in one hour and 20 minutes. Fans also donated £300 to a bucket collection during Chasetown's 5-2 win over Gresley.

Craddock, 25, has also played for Walsall, Halesowen, Hednesford, Stourbridge and Rushall.

Keys Park boss: I've a dream team

HEDNESFORD Town's 'ecstatic' new boss Paul Casey says joining the Pitmen was a 'no-brainer'.

The 47-year-old, whose appointment was announced this week after Liam McDonald left for Solihull Moors, is a former Hednesford youth team coach who always wanted to return to Keys Park.

Having joined from Midland League side Coleshill Town, he says he's been left a 'dream team' by McDonald.

"I'm ecstatic," he said. "I've just broken 30 hearts at my old club but it was a no-brainer.

"It's a big club, it's a Football League club, it's got a Football League chairman and Football League fans. I could not be more pleased with the team Liam has left me with. It's a dream team. I want to keep the players I've got, and add one or two to give us a bit more muscle."

McDonald has been poached by the Moors, who play two divisions higher in the National League, even though chairman Steve Price offered the 31-year-old a fresh two-year contract.

After he turned that down, Price rang Casey. A sales director of a Birmingham office supplies company, he hopes he can keep most of the players he's been left with, and he's got his eye on one or two new faces. "Some of the lads might think they can follow Liam," he said. "That might happen, it might not. I don't think they're going to leave that quickly. Liam has 17 players on contract, we've got most of our players on contract."

McDonald said: "It's been the toughest decision I've had since being a football manager. But I'm ambitious and want to manage at the highest level I can. In the end, the opportunity that has been presented is one that was too good to turn down. I know that Hednesford supporters will be disappointed – I just hope that they understand it."

Reversed fixture for league action return

AFTER a week off for Burntwood 1st XV they resume league action this Saturday with the visit of Harborne.

This was originally an away fixture but it has been reversed at Harborne's request.

It begins a run of three home games for Sean Latham's side – on November 26 league leaders Ludlow visit The Sportsway and then a week later it is the Staffordshire Intermediate semi-final against Newcastle (Staffs).

Also due to take the field this Saturday are the 2nd XV who host Shrewsbury 2nds and the 3rds who visit Essington 2nds.

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